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LAST ISSUE:

The **mini-galaxy** of **Feudarnia**—an alternate-reality home for our Duckburg and Mouseton stars—is living year three of a ruthless siege! It's a constant attack by the Meteormaster and his Meteorbeasts—giant animals made of enchanted stone called Dragonite. The only hope of beating these monsters is the Beastbusters and their Busterbots: feisty local bounty hunters and the flying robot boats they have built for the purpose...

And now it's time for the final showdown! Shifty Pegleg Pete has turned on the Meteormaster—helping Mickey and Donald swat his chief techie, Emil Eagle! The new allegiance also brings the Magnus Malleus, a super Beastbusting hammer, back to our heroes. But they still must reach the secret lab of Magicianeer Gyro Gearloose... whose Trembling Anvil can be paired with the hammer to win the battle for good!

Hmm... good... was the Meteormaster himself ever good? And if so, what can it mean?

—David Gerstein, Archival Editor

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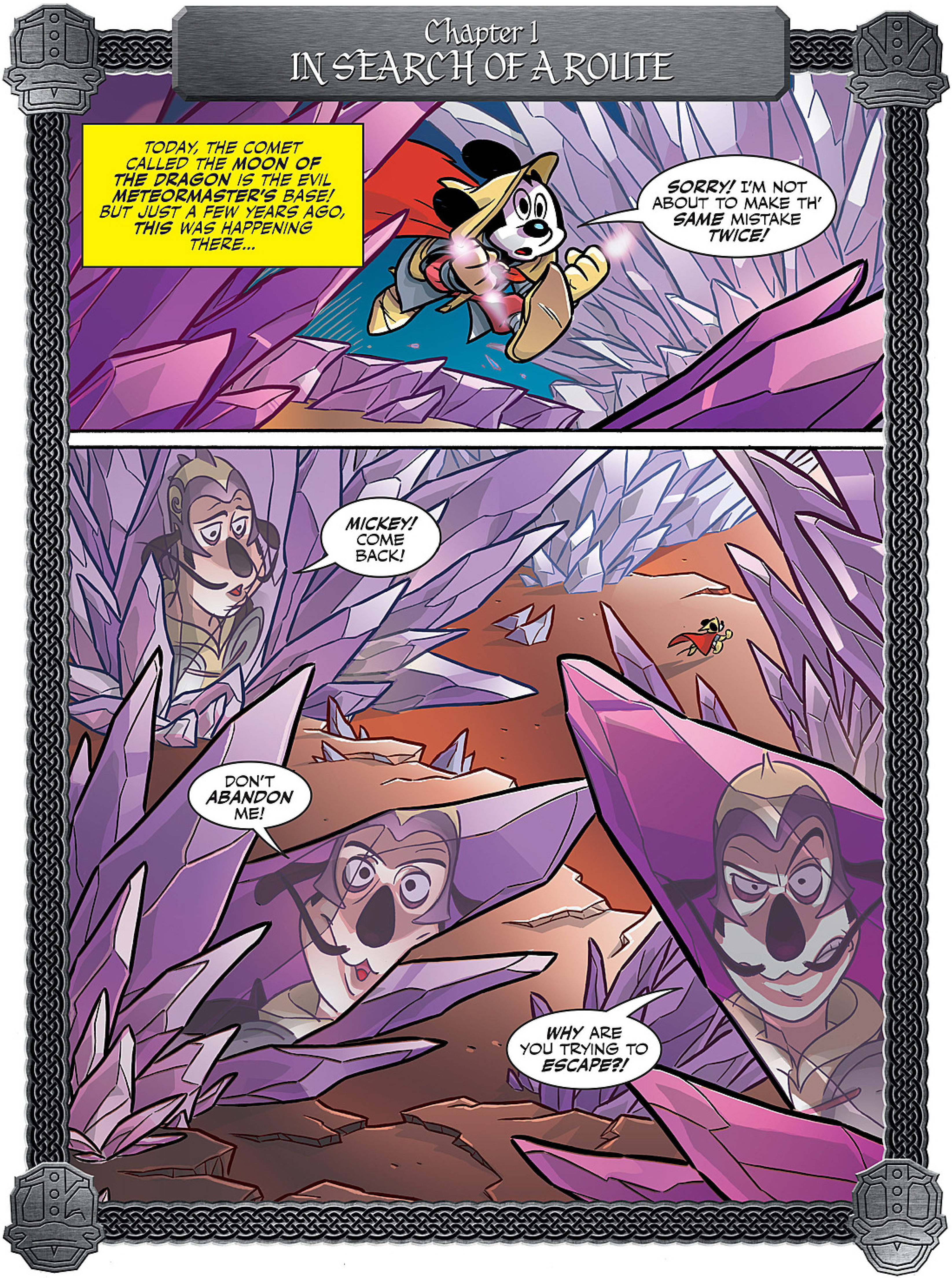
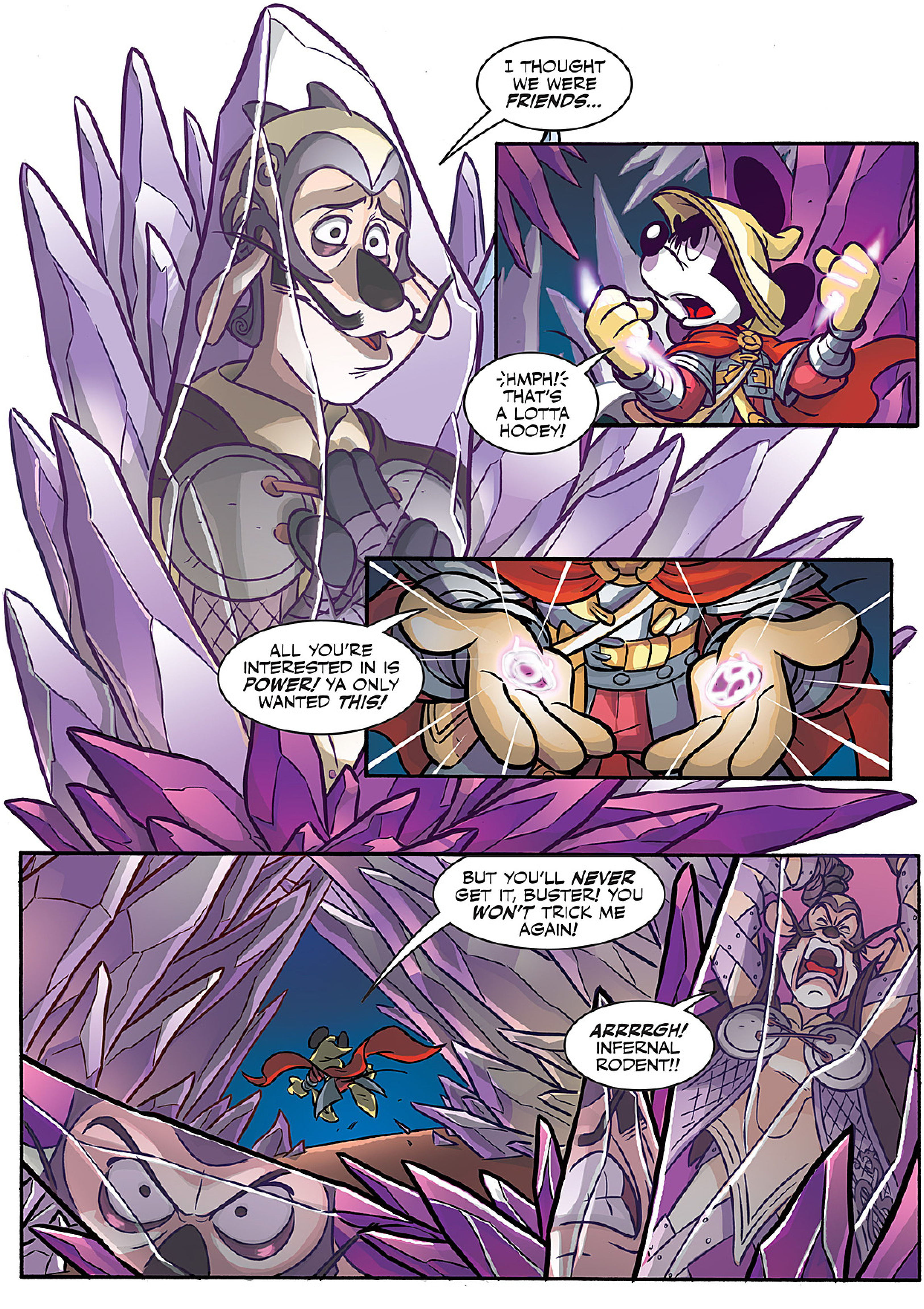
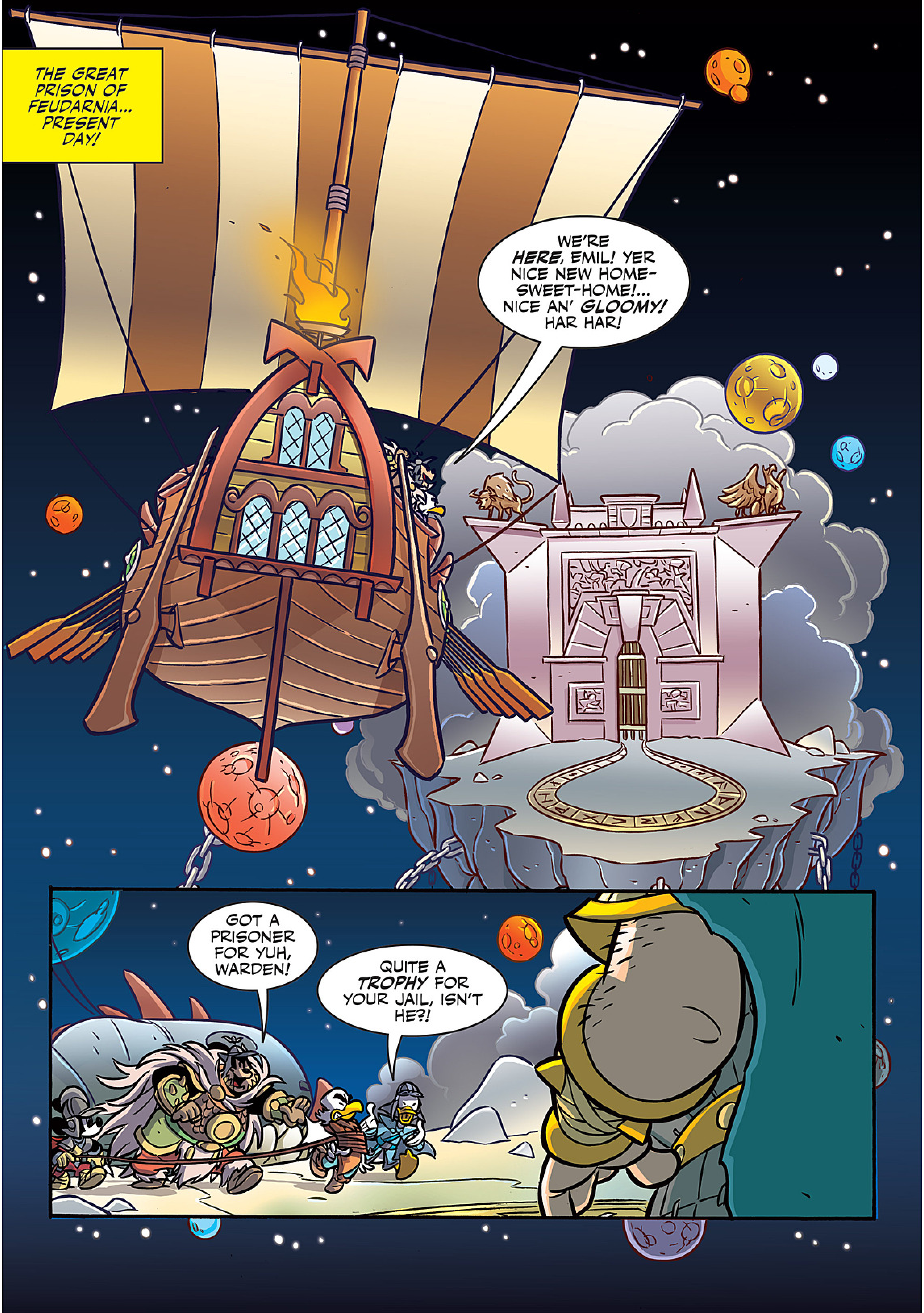
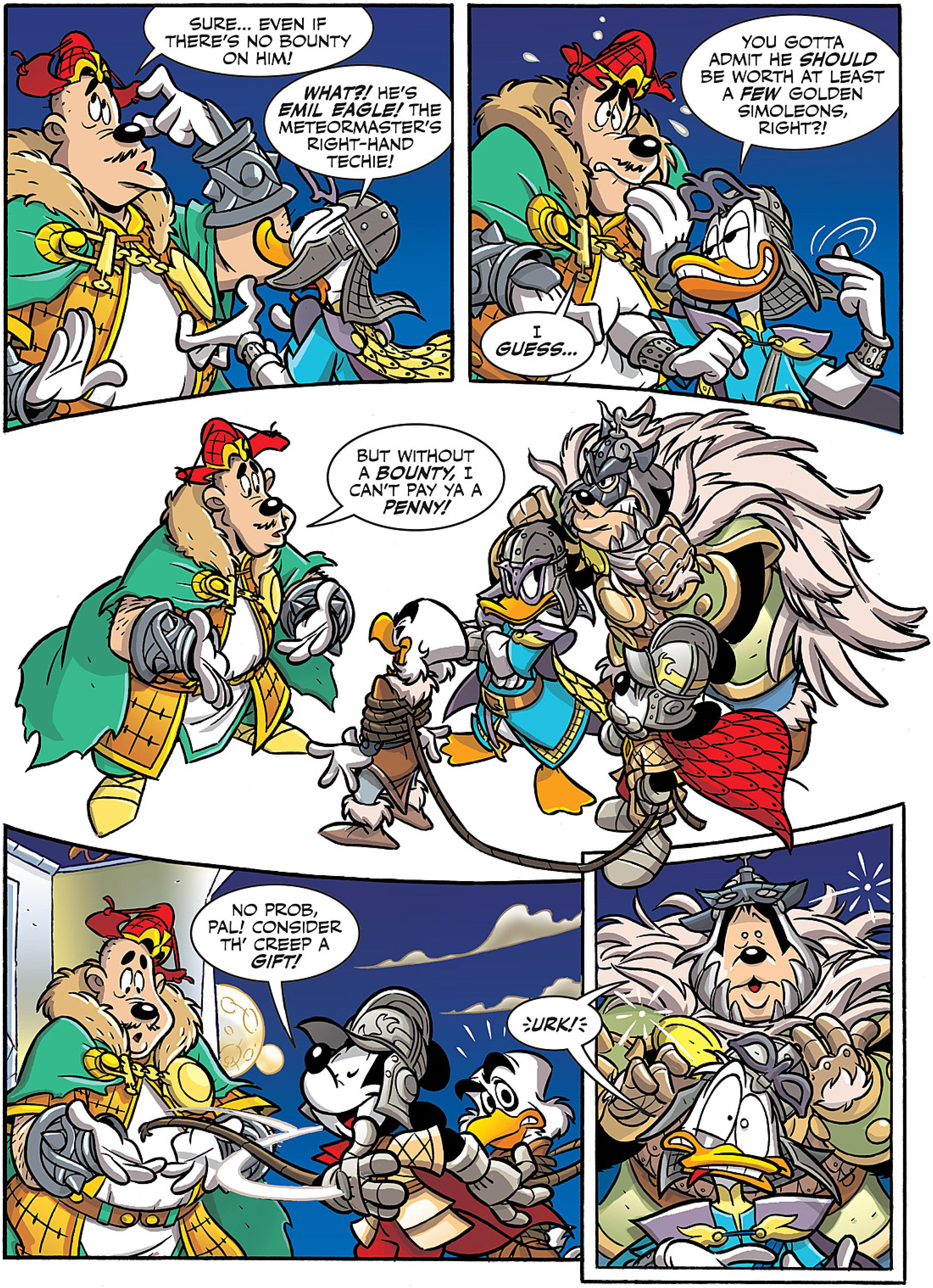
Chapter 1

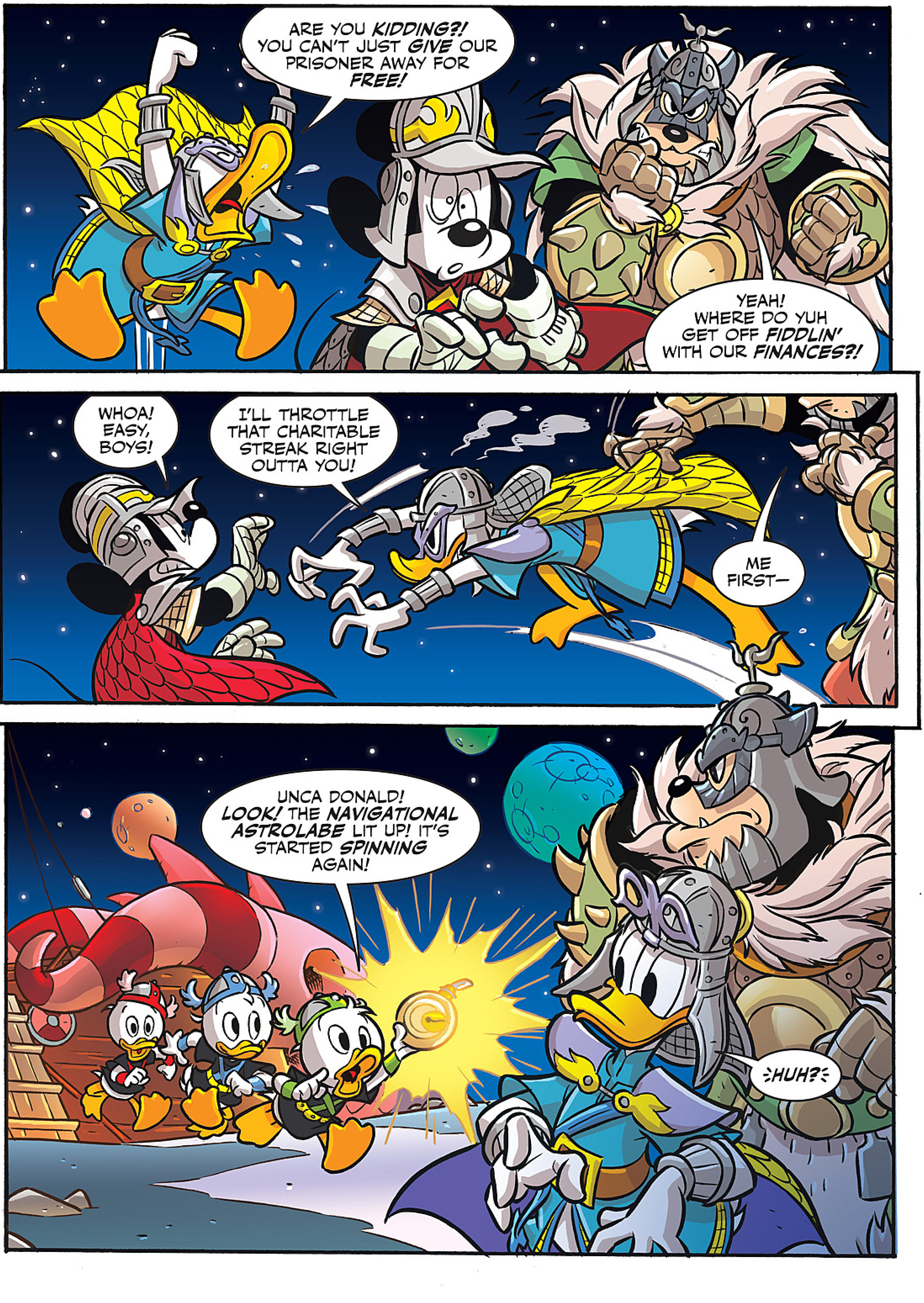
IN SEARCH OF A ROUTE

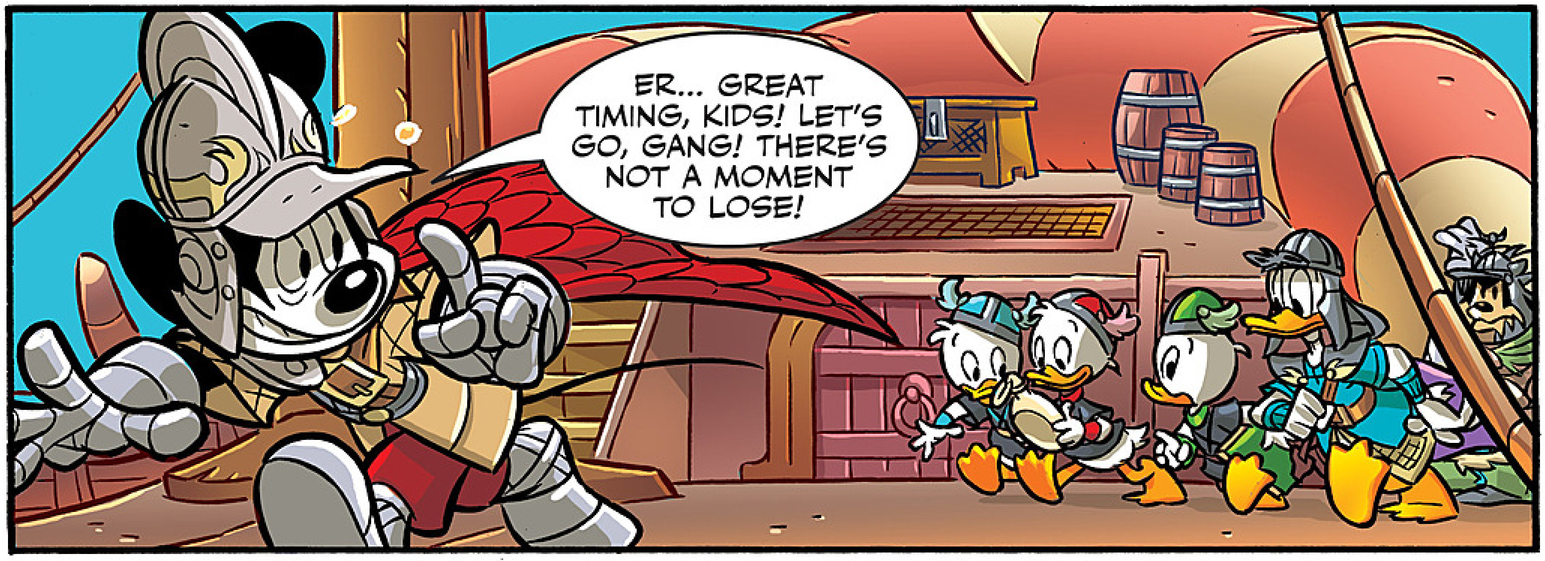

TODAY, THE COMET CALLED THE **MOON OF THE DRAGON** IS THE EVIL **METEORMASTER'S** BASE! BUT JUST A FEW YEARS AGO, **THIS** WAS HAPPENING THERE...
SORRY! I'M NOT ABOUT TO MAKE TH' **SAME** MISTAKE **TWICE!**
MICKEY! COME BACK!
DON'T **ABANDON** ME!
WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO **ESCAPE?!**

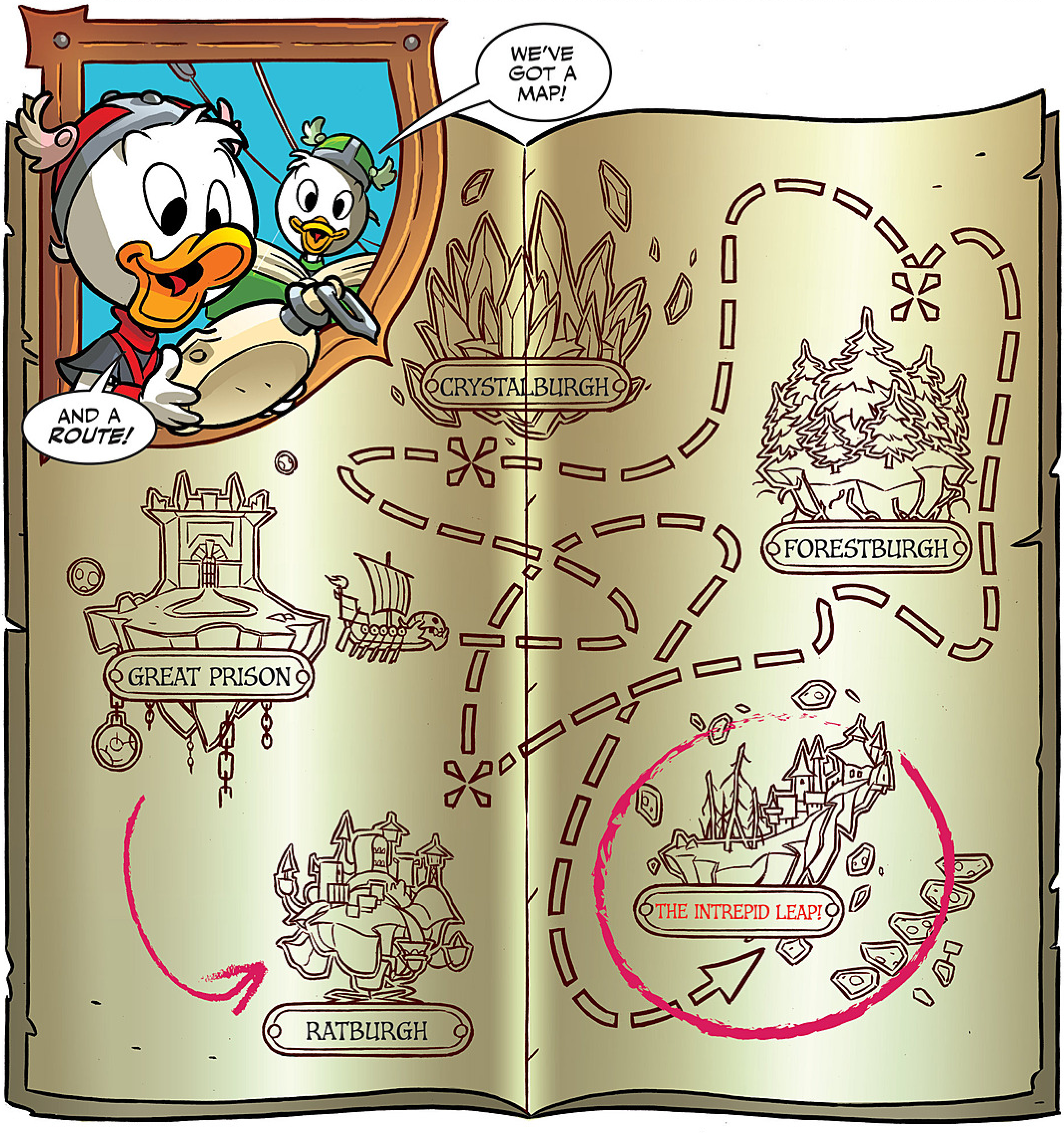

I THOUGHT WE WERE *FRIENDS...*
HMPH! THAT'S A LOTTA HOOEY!
ALL YOU'RE INTERESTED IN IS *POWER!* YA ONLY WANTED *THIS!*
BUT YOU'LL *NEVER* GET IT, BUSTER! YOU *WON'T* TRICK ME AGAIN!
ARRRRGH! INFERNAL RODENT!!

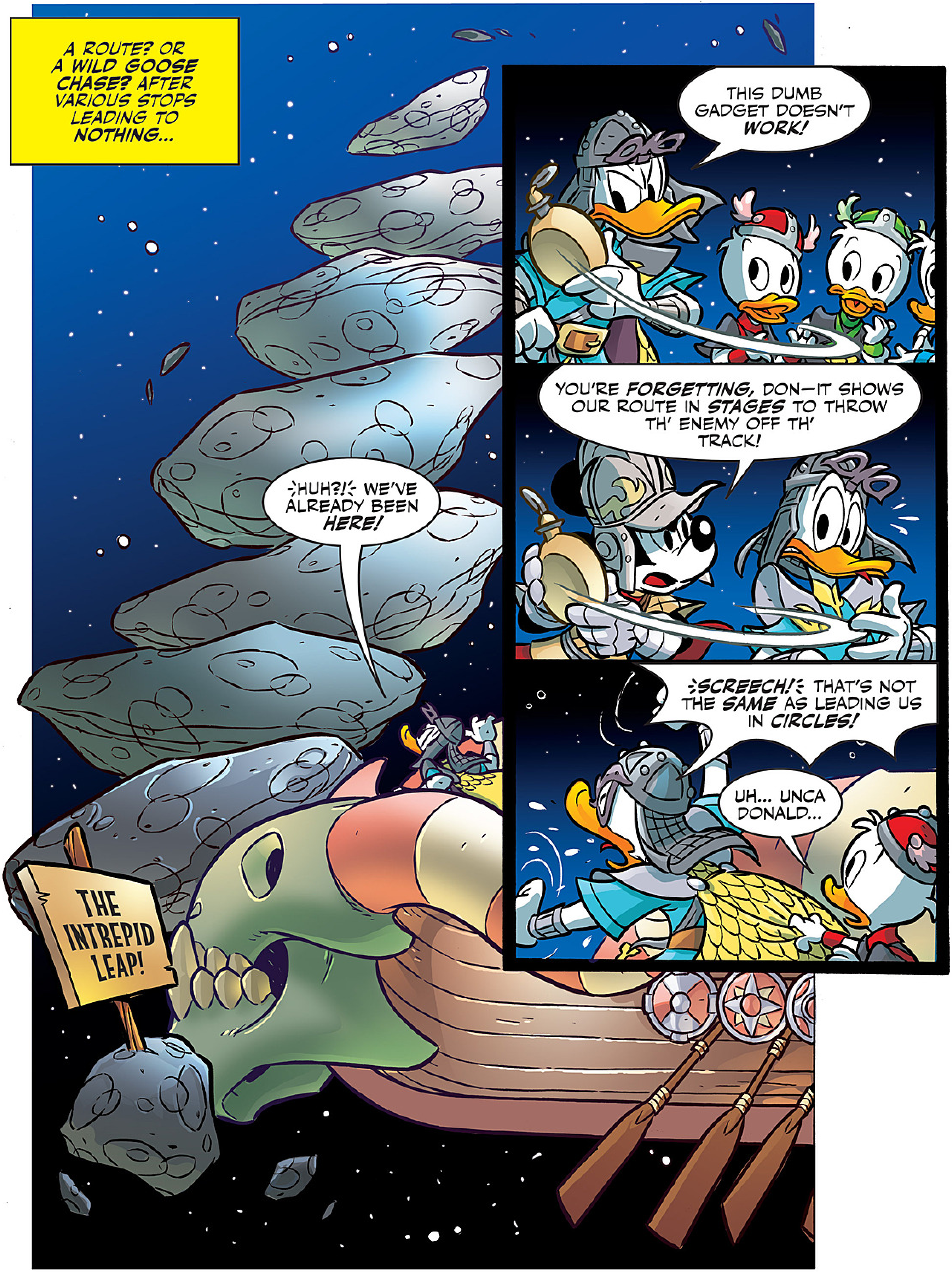

THE GREAT PRISON OF FEUDARNIA... PRESENT DAY!
WE'RE ***HERE***, EMIL! YER NICE NEW HOME-SWEET-HOME!... NICE AN' ***GLOOMY!*** HAR HAR!
GOT A PRISONER FOR YUH, WARDEN!
QUITE A ***TROPHY*** FOR YOUR JAIL, ISN'T HE?!

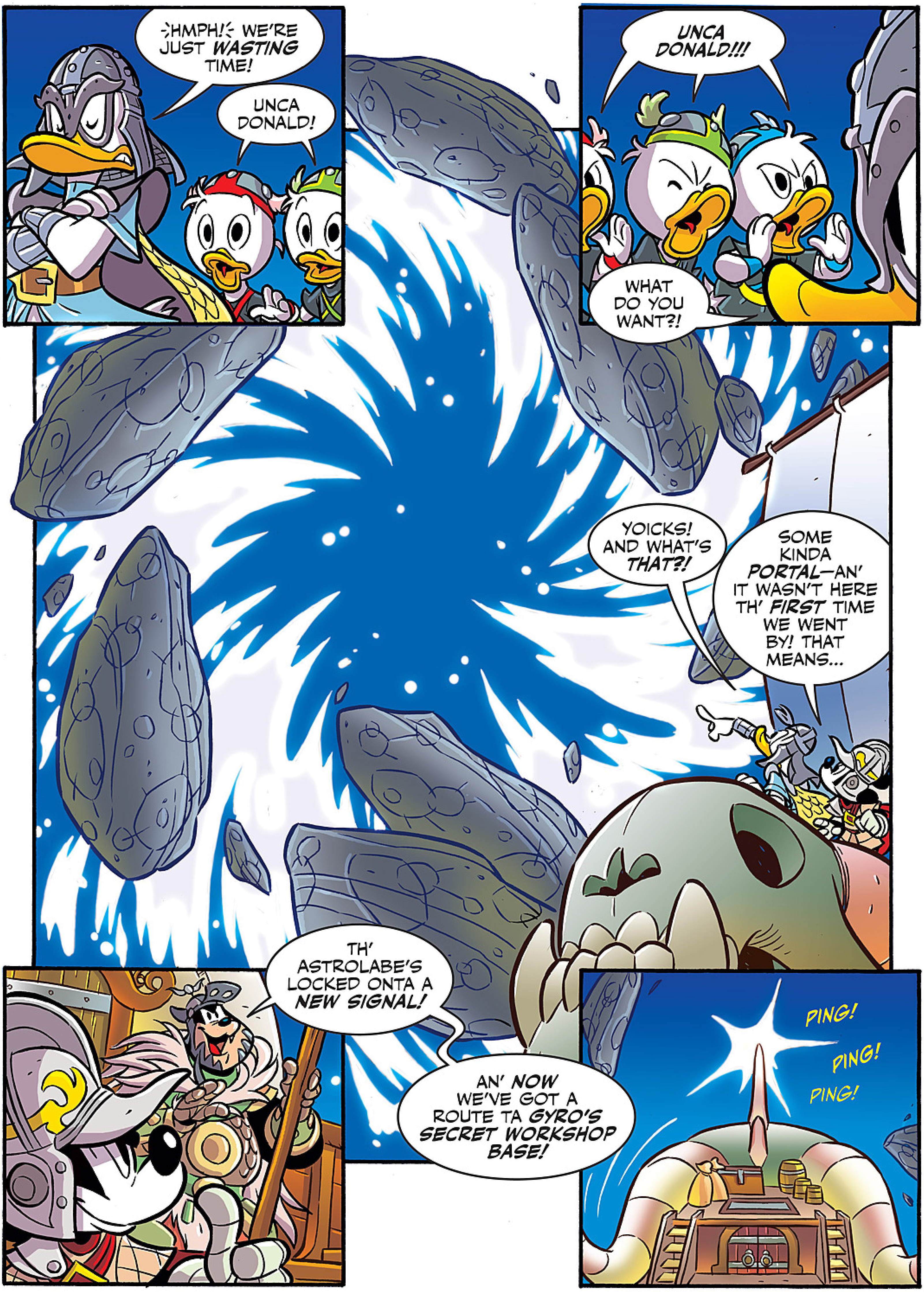

SURE... EVEN IF THERE'S NO BOUNTY ON HIM!
WHAT?! HE'S EMIL EAGLE! THE METEORMASTER'S RIGHT-HAND TECHIE!
YOU GOTTA ADMIT HE SHOULD BE WORTH AT LEAST A FEW GOLDEN SIMOLEONS, RIGHT?!
I GUESS...
BUT WITHOUT A BOUNTY, I CAN'T PAY YA A PENNY!
NO PROB, PAL! CONSIDER TH' CREEP A GIFT!
URK!


ARE YOU *KIDDING?!* YOU CAN'T JUST *GIVE* OUR PRISONER AWAY FOR *FREE!*
YEAH! WHERE DO YUH GET OFF *FIDDLIN'* WITH OUR *FINANCES?!*
WHOA! EASY, BOYS!
I'LL THROTTLE THAT CHARITABLE STREAK RIGHT OUTTA YOU!
ME FIRST—
UNCA DONALD! *LOOK!* THE *NAVIGATIONAL ASTROLABE* LIT UP! IT'S STARTED *SPINNING* AGAIN!
HUH?

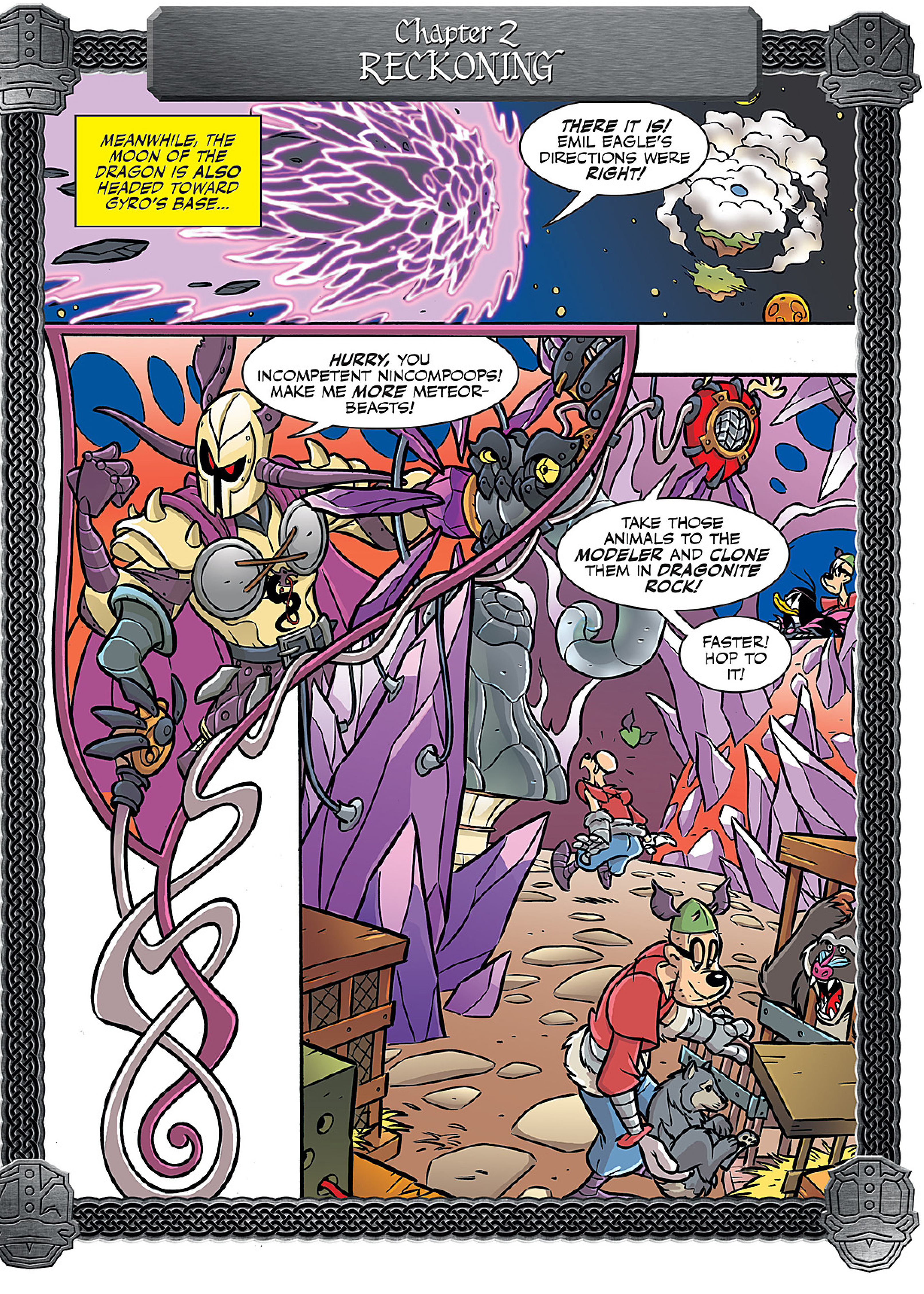

ER... GREAT TIMING, KIDS! LET'S GO, GANG! THERE'S NOT A MOMENT TO LOSE!

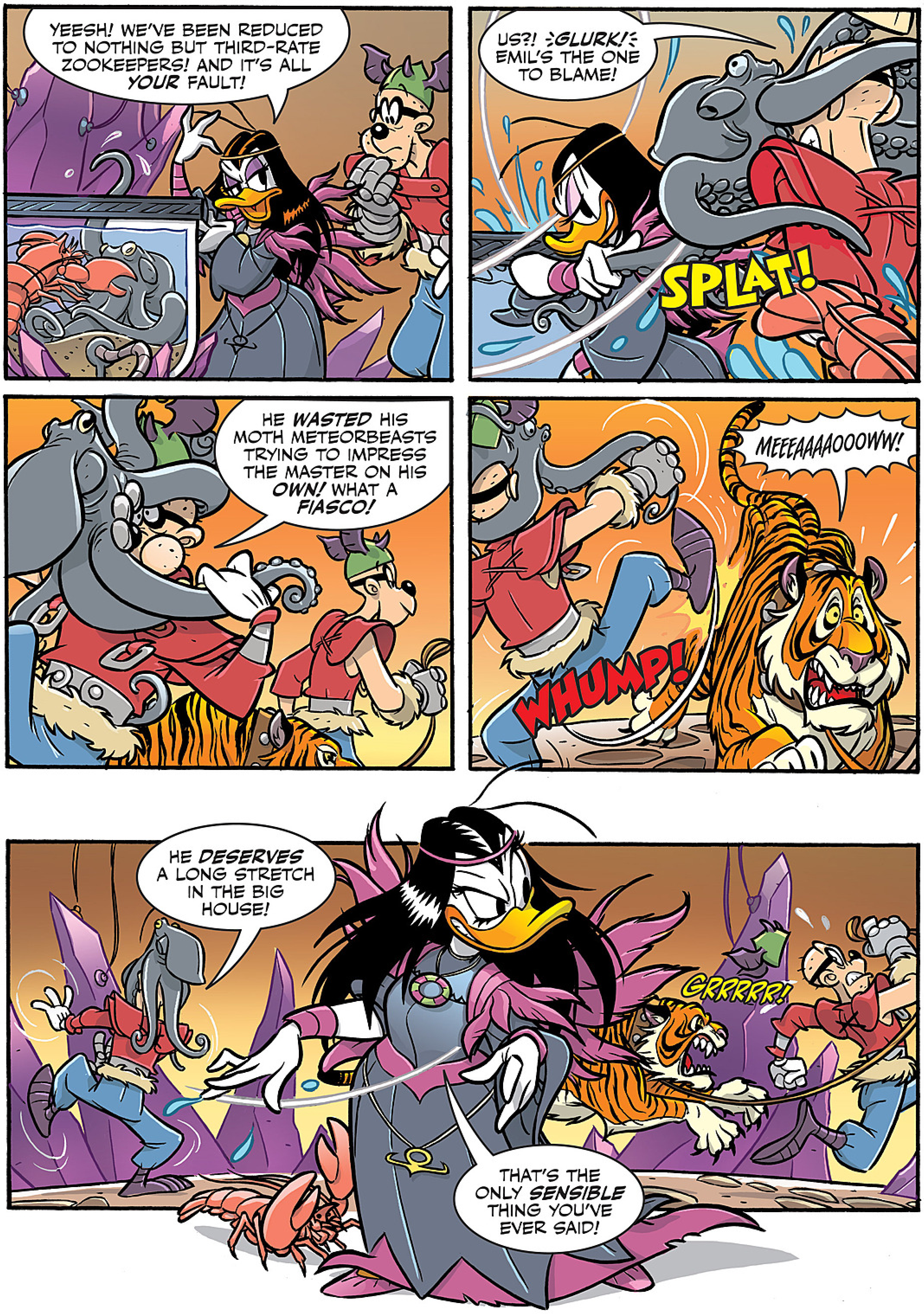

WE'VE GOT A MAP!
AND A ROUTE!
CRYSTALBURGH
FORESTBURGH
GREAT PRISON
RATBURGH
THE INTREPID LEAP!

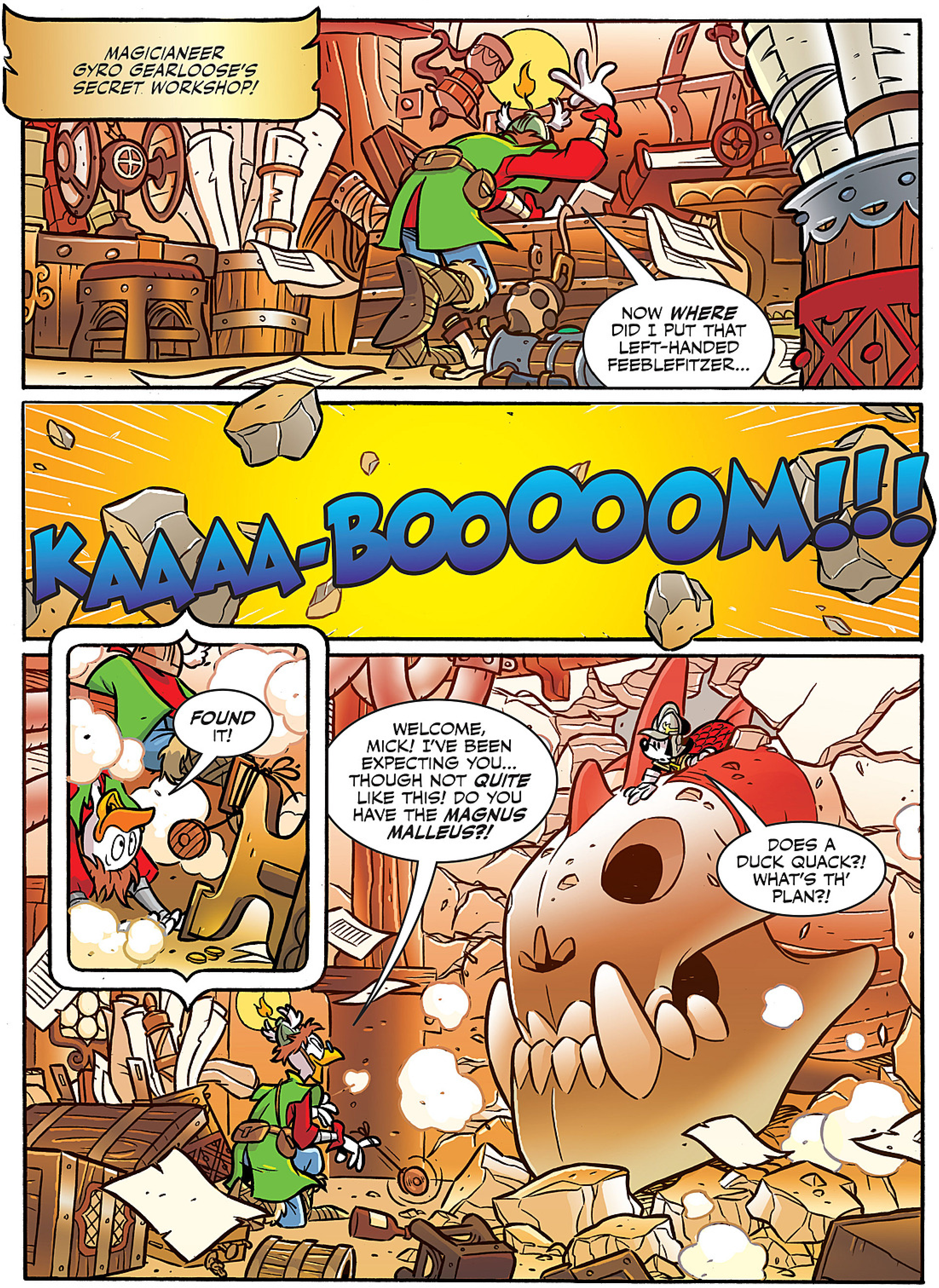

A ROUTE? OR A WILD GOOSE CHASE? AFTER VARIOUS STOPS LEADING TO NOTHING...
THIS DUMB GADGET DOESN'T WORK!
YOU'RE FORGETTING, DON—IT SHOWS OUR ROUTE IN STAGES TO THROW TH' ENEMY OFF TH' TRACK!
HUH?! WE'VE ALREADY BEEN HERE!
THE INTREPID LEAP!
SCREECH! THAT'S NOT THE SAME AS LEADING US IN CIRCLES!
UH... UNCA DONALD...

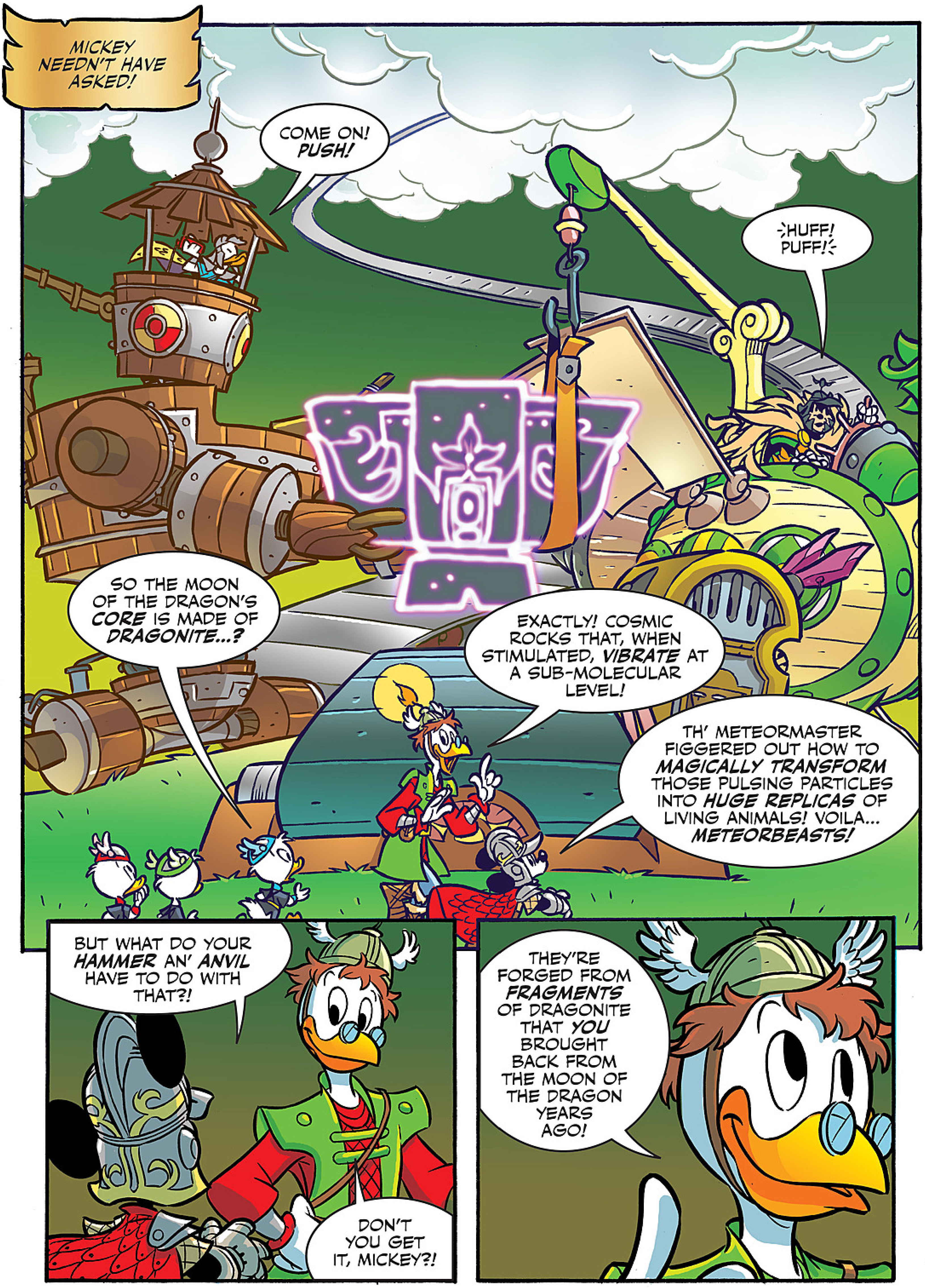

HMPH! WE'RE JUST WASTING TIME!
UNCA DONALD!
UNCA DONALD!!!
WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
YOICKS! AND WHAT'S THAT?!
SOME KINDA PORTAL—AN' IT WASN'T HERE TH' FIRST TIME WE WENT BY! THAT MEANS...
TH' ASTROLABE'S LOCKED ONTA A NEW SIGNAL!
AN' NOW WE'VE GOT A ROUTE TA GYRO'S SECRET WORKSHOP BASE!
PING!
PING!
PING!

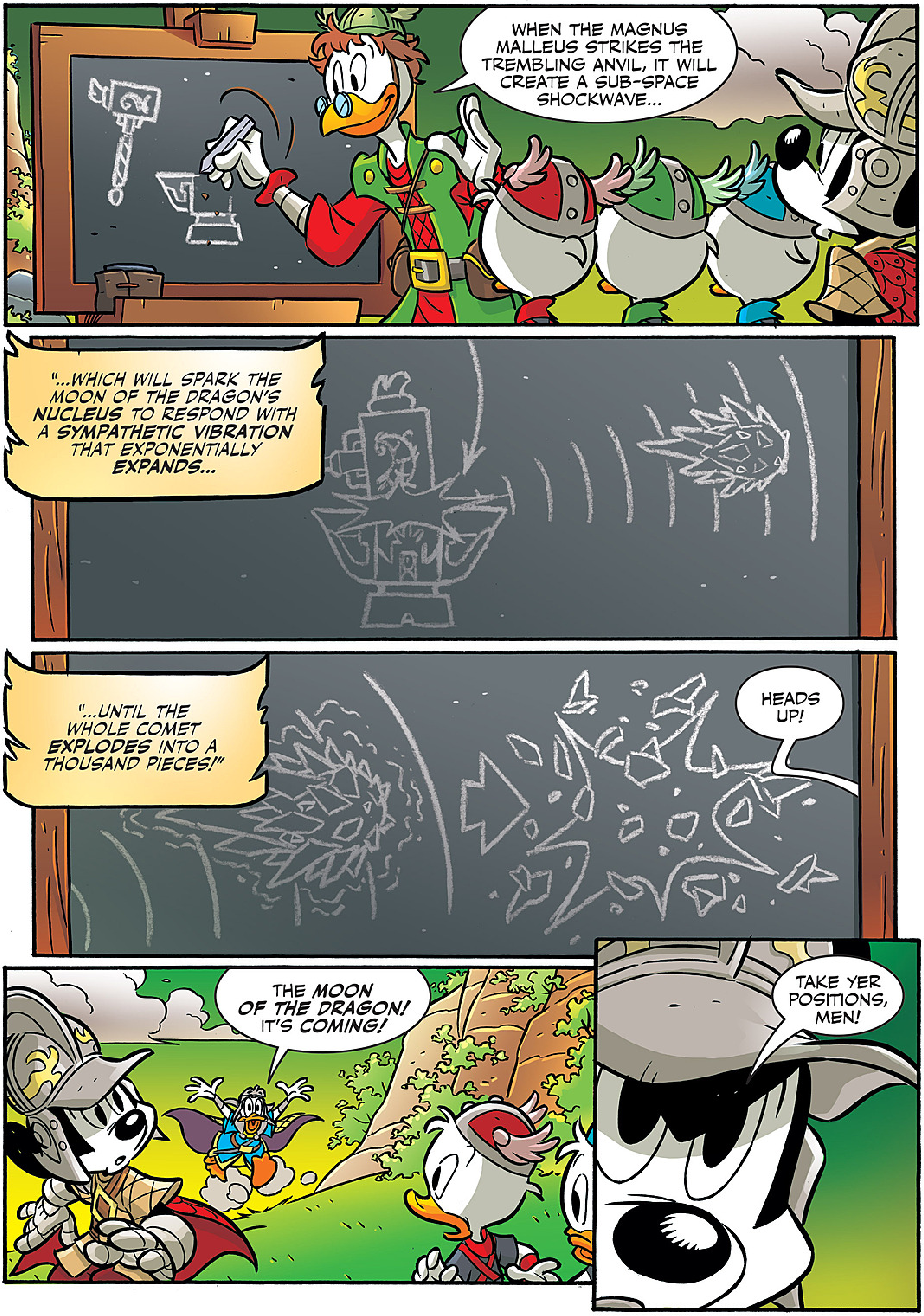
Chapter 2
RECKONING

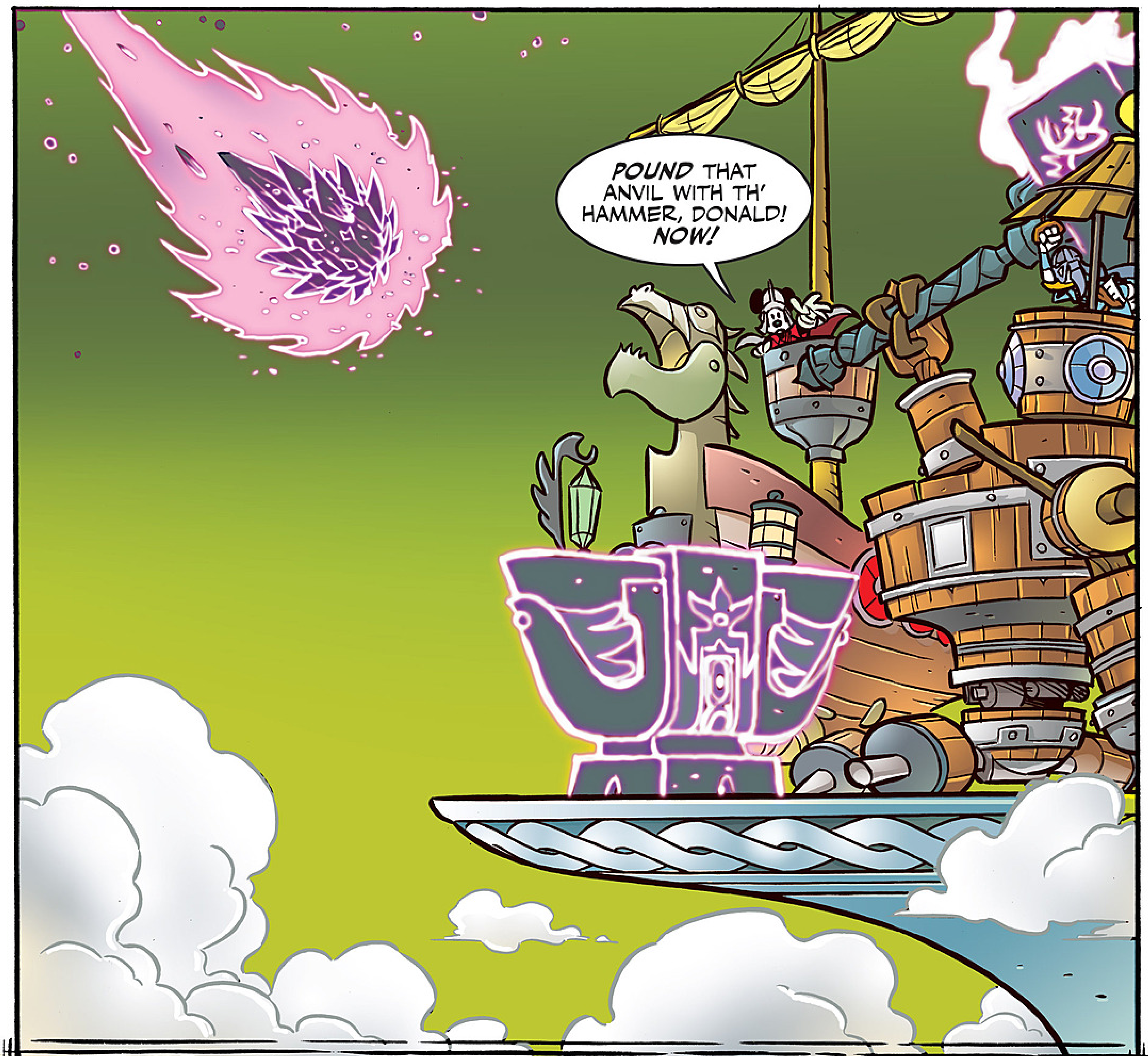

MEANWHILE, THE MOON OF THE DRAGON IS ALSO HEADED TOWARD GYRO'S BASE...
THERE IT IS! EMIL EAGLE'S DIRECTIONS WERE RIGHT!
HURRY, YOU INCOMPETENT NINCOMPOOPS! MAKE ME MORE METEOR-BEASTS!
TAKE THOSE ANIMALS TO THE MODELER AND CLONE THEM IN DRAGONITE ROCK!
FASTER! HOP TO IT!

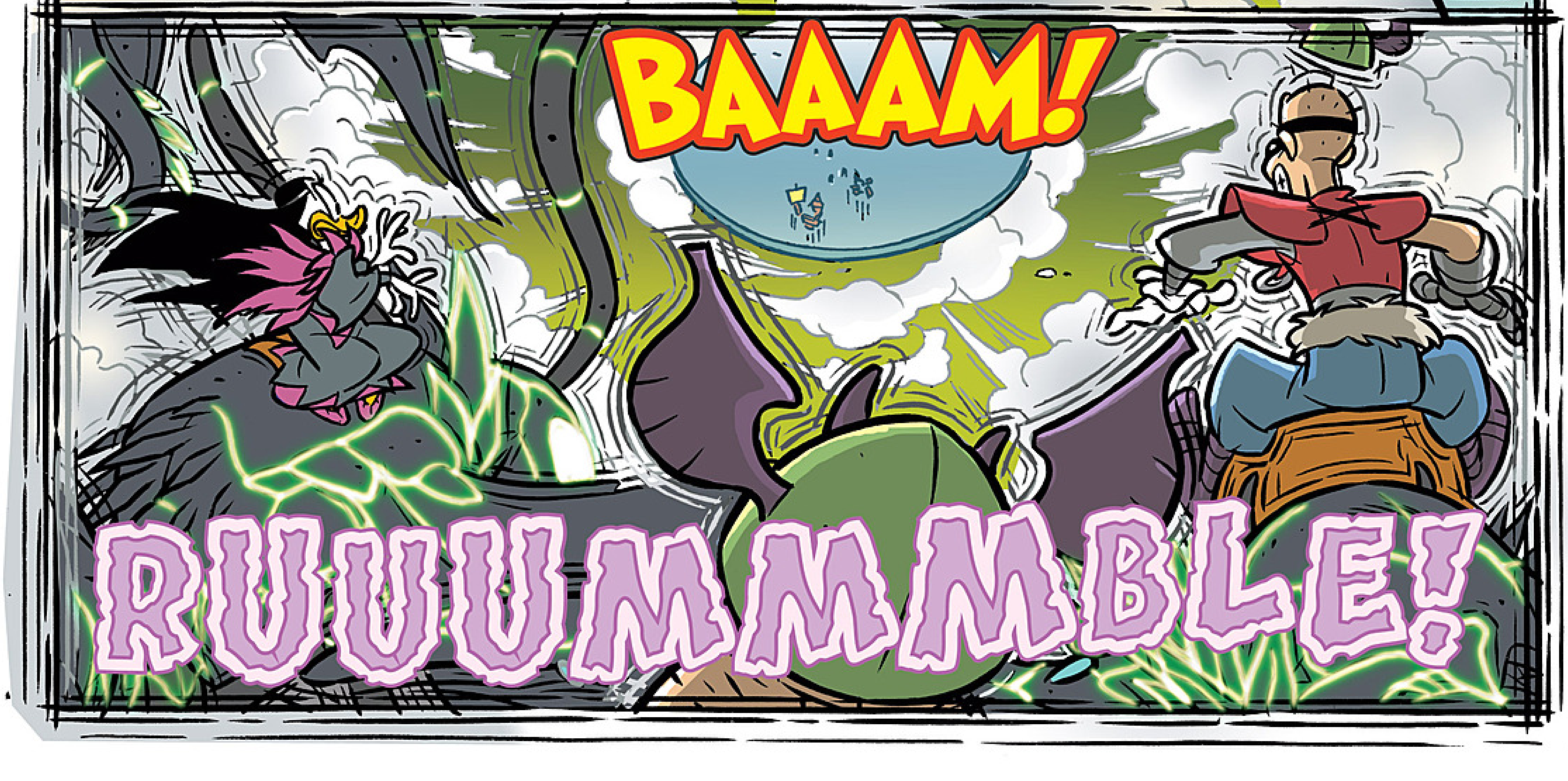

YEESH! WE'VE BEEN REDUCED TO NOTHING BUT THIRD-RATE ZOOKEEPERS! AND IT'S ALL *YOUR* FAULT!
US?! *GLURK!* EMIL'S THE ONE TO BLAME!
SPLAT!
HE *WASTED* HIS MOTH METEORBEASTS TRYING TO IMPRESS THE MASTER ON HIS *OWN!* WHAT A *FIASCO!*
MEEEAAAAOOOWW!
WHUMP!
HE *DESERVES* A LONG STRETCH IN THE BIG HOUSE!
GRRRRR!
THAT'S THE ONLY *SENSIBLE* THING YOU'VE EVER SAID!

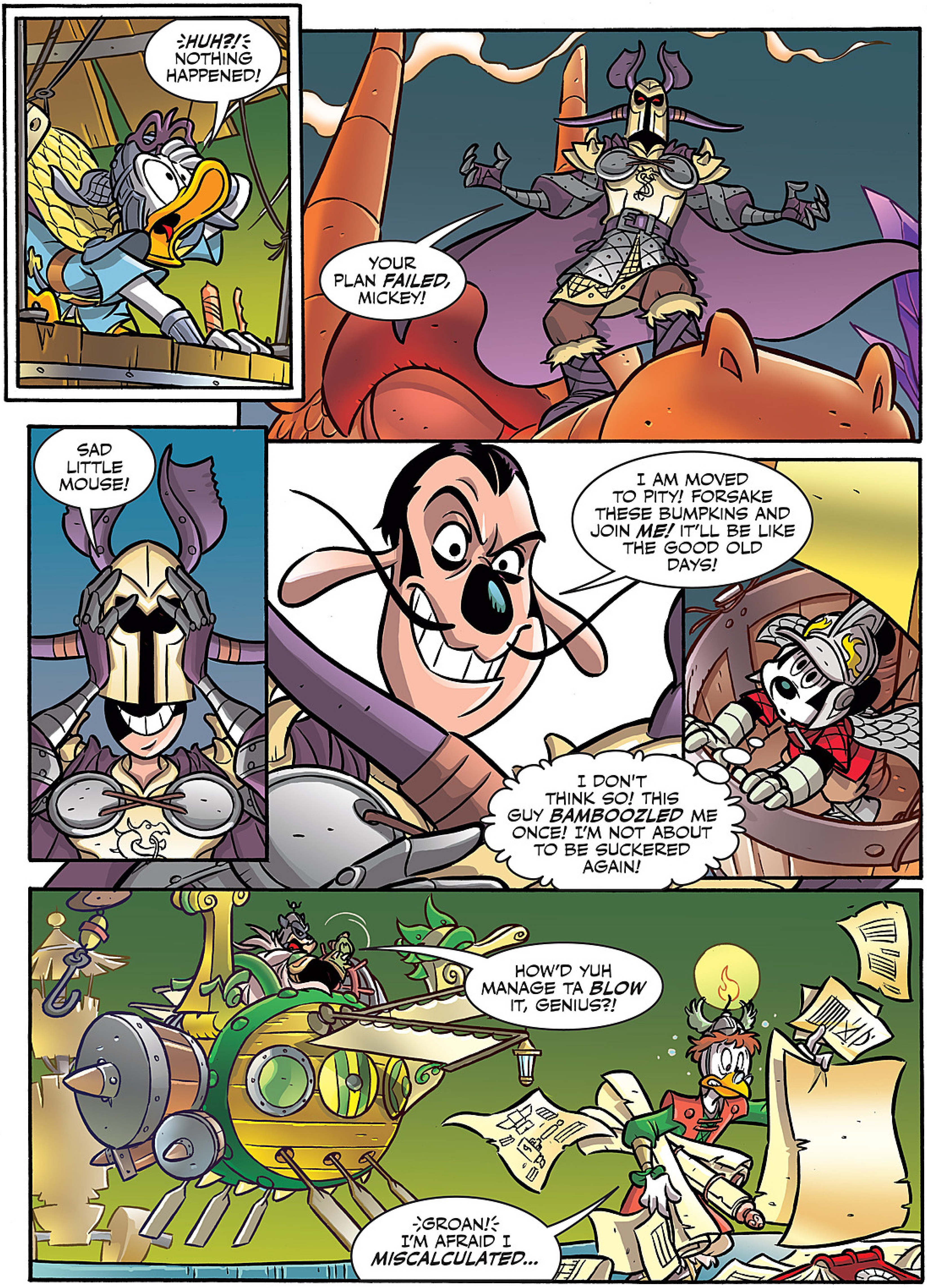

MAGICIANEER GYRO GEARLOOSE'S SECRET WORKSHOP!
NOW *WHERE* DID I PUT THAT LEFT-HANDED FEEBLEFITZER...
KAAAA-BOOOOOOM!!!
FOUND IT!
WELCOME, MICK! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU... THOUGH NOT *QUITE* LIKE THIS! DO YOU HAVE THE *MAGNUS MALLEUS*?!
DOES A DUCK QUACK?! WHAT'S TH' PLAN?!


MICKEY NEEDN'T HAVE ASKED!
COME ON! PUSH!
HUFF! PUFF!
SO THE MOON OF THE DRAGON'S CORE IS MADE OF DRAGONITE...?
EXACTLY! COSMIC ROCKS THAT, WHEN STIMULATED, VIBRATE AT A SUB-MOLECULAR LEVEL!
TH' METEORMASTER FIGGERED OUT HOW TO MAGICALLY TRANSFORM THOSE PULSING PARTICLES INTO HUGE REPLICAS OF LIVING ANIMALS! VOILA... METEORBEASTS!
BUT WHAT DO YOUR HAMMER AN' ANVIL HAVE TO DO WITH THAT?!
DON'T YOU GET IT, MICKEY?!
THEY'RE FORGED FROM FRAGMENTS OF DRAGONITE THAT YOU BROUGHT BACK FROM THE MOON OF THE DRAGON YEARS AGO!

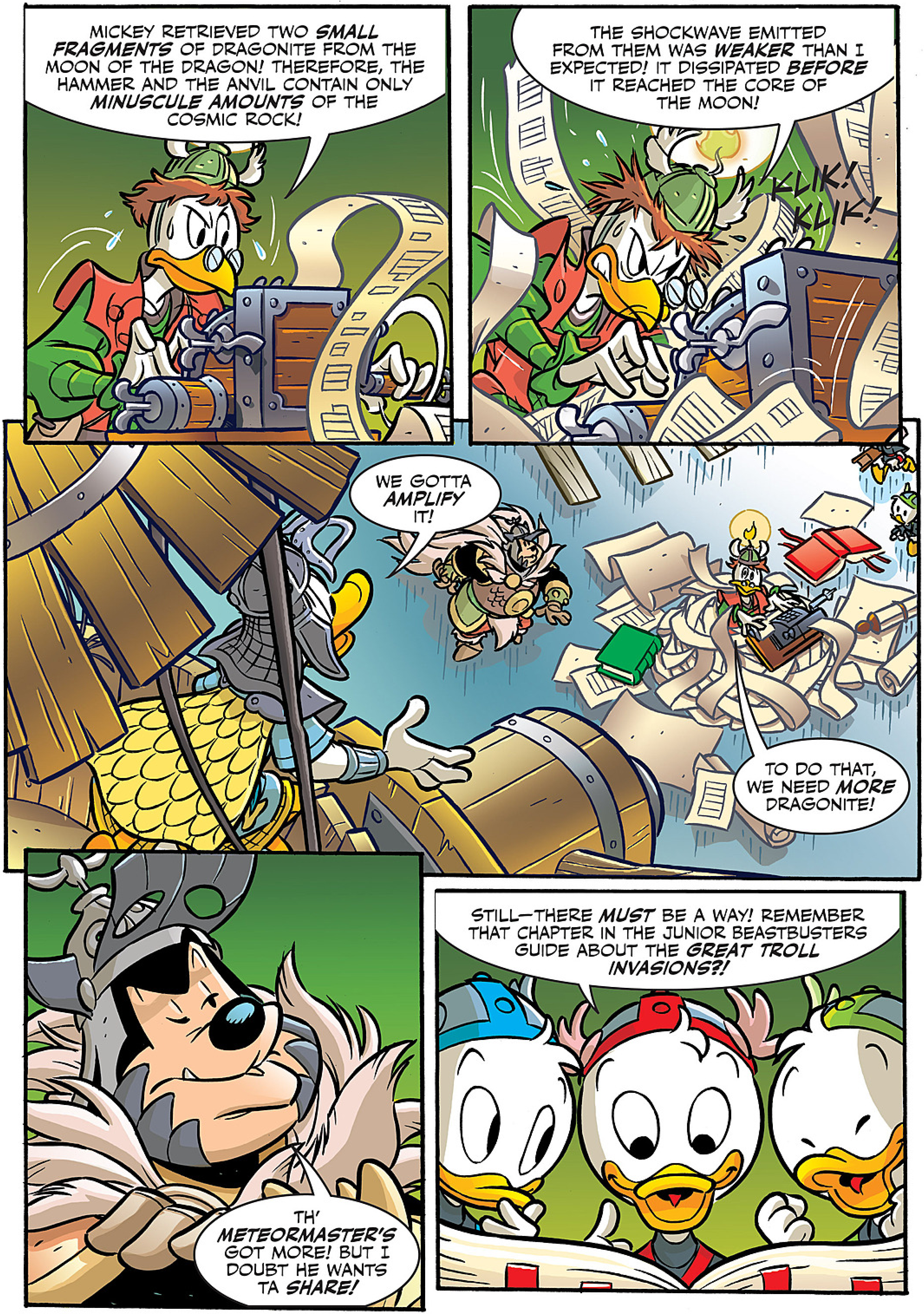

WHEN THE MAGNUS MALLEUS STRIKES THE TREMBLING ANVIL, IT WILL CREATE A SUB-SPACE SHOCKWAVE...
"...WHICH WILL SPARK THE MOON OF THE DRAGON'S **NUCLEUS** TO RESPOND WITH A **SYMPATHETIC VIBRATION** THAT EXPONENTIALLY **EXPANDS...**
"...UNTIL THE WHOLE COMET **EXPLODES** INTO A THOUSAND PIECES!"
HEADS UP!
THE *MOON OF THE DRAGON!* IT'S *COMING!*
TAKE YER POSITIONS, MEN!

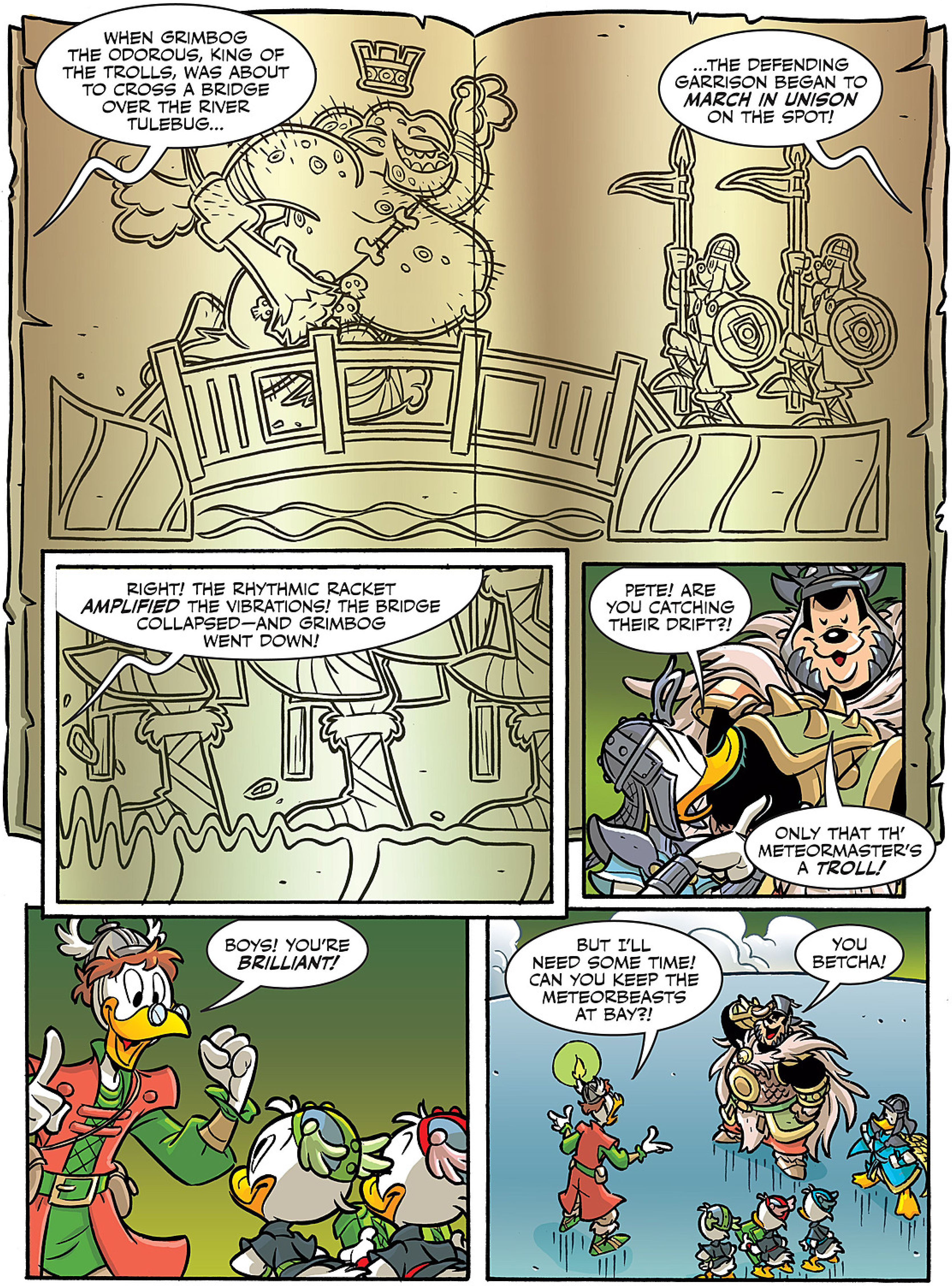

POUND THAT ANVIL WITH TH' HAMMER, DONALD! *NOW!*


BAAAM!
RUUUMMMBLE!

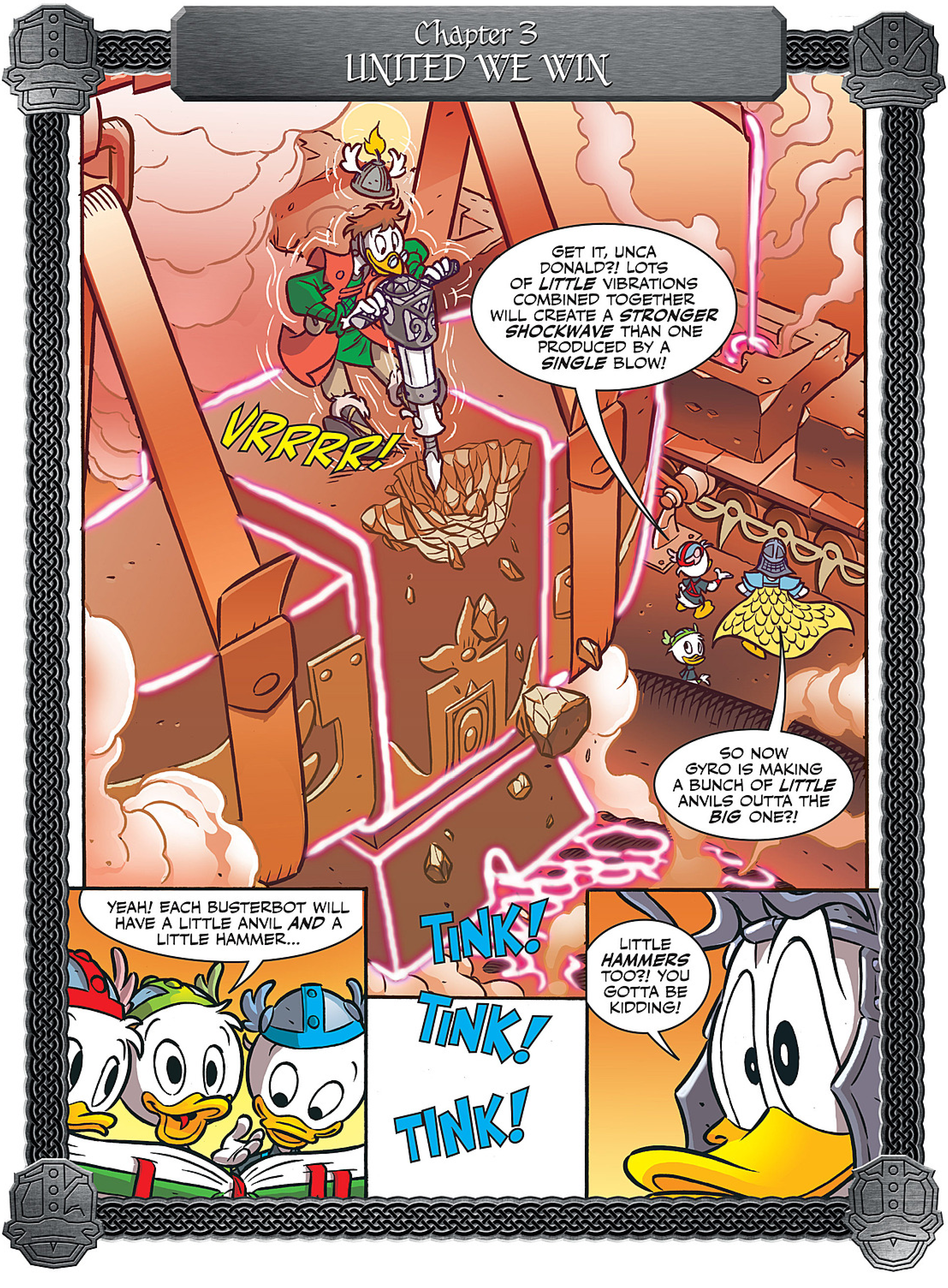


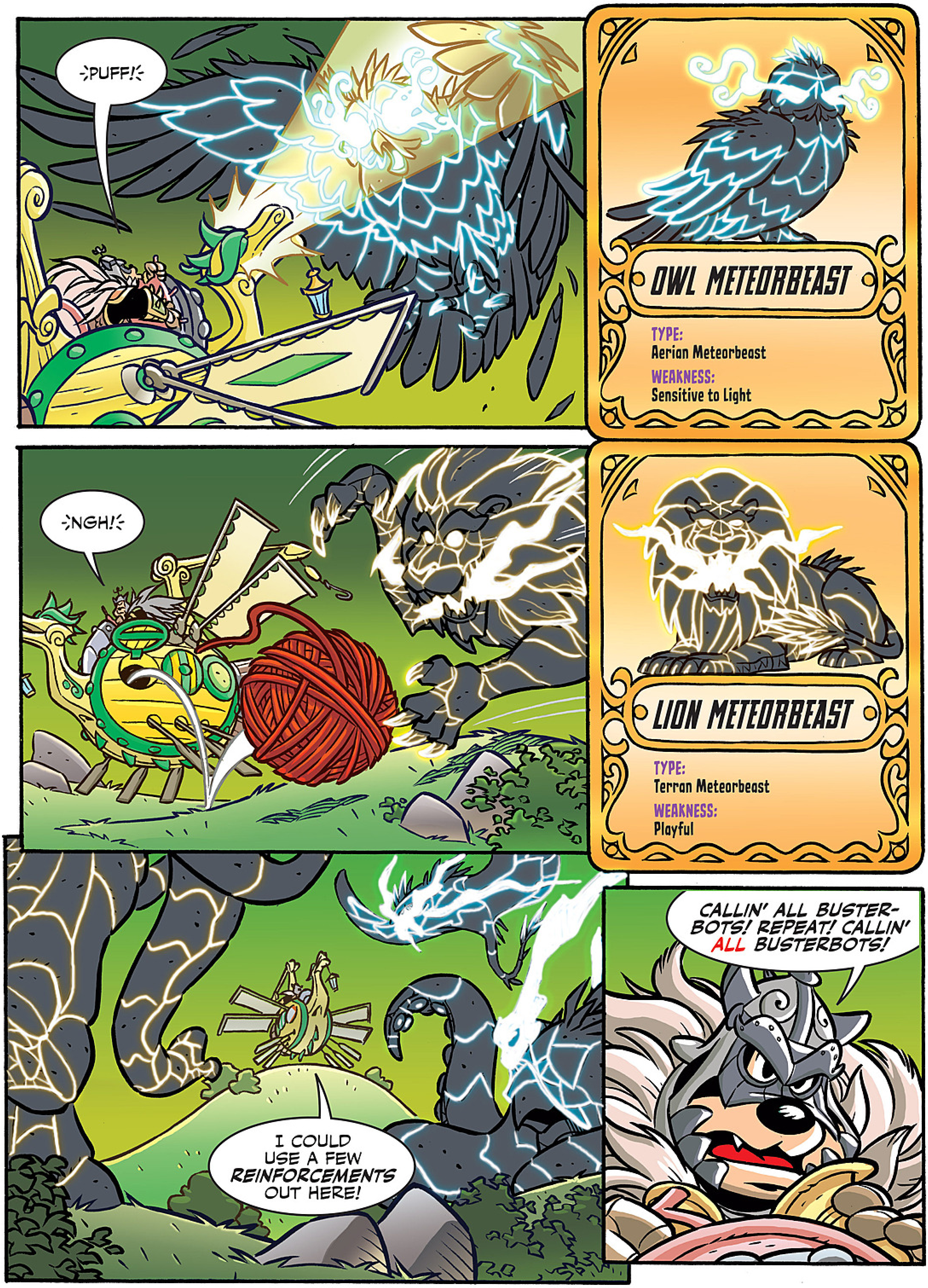
:HUH?!: NOTHING HAPPENED!
YOUR PLAN *FAILED,* MICKEY!
SAD LITTLE MOUSE!
I AM MOVED TO PITY! FORSAKE THESE BUMPKINS AND JOIN *ME!* IT'LL BE LIKE THE GOOD OLD DAYS!
I DON'T THINK SO! THIS GUY *BAMBOOZLED* ME ONCE! I'M NOT ABOUT TO BE SUCKERED AGAIN!
HOW'D YUH MANAGE TA *BLOW* IT, GENIUS?!
:GROAN!: I'M AFRAID I *MISCALCULATED...*

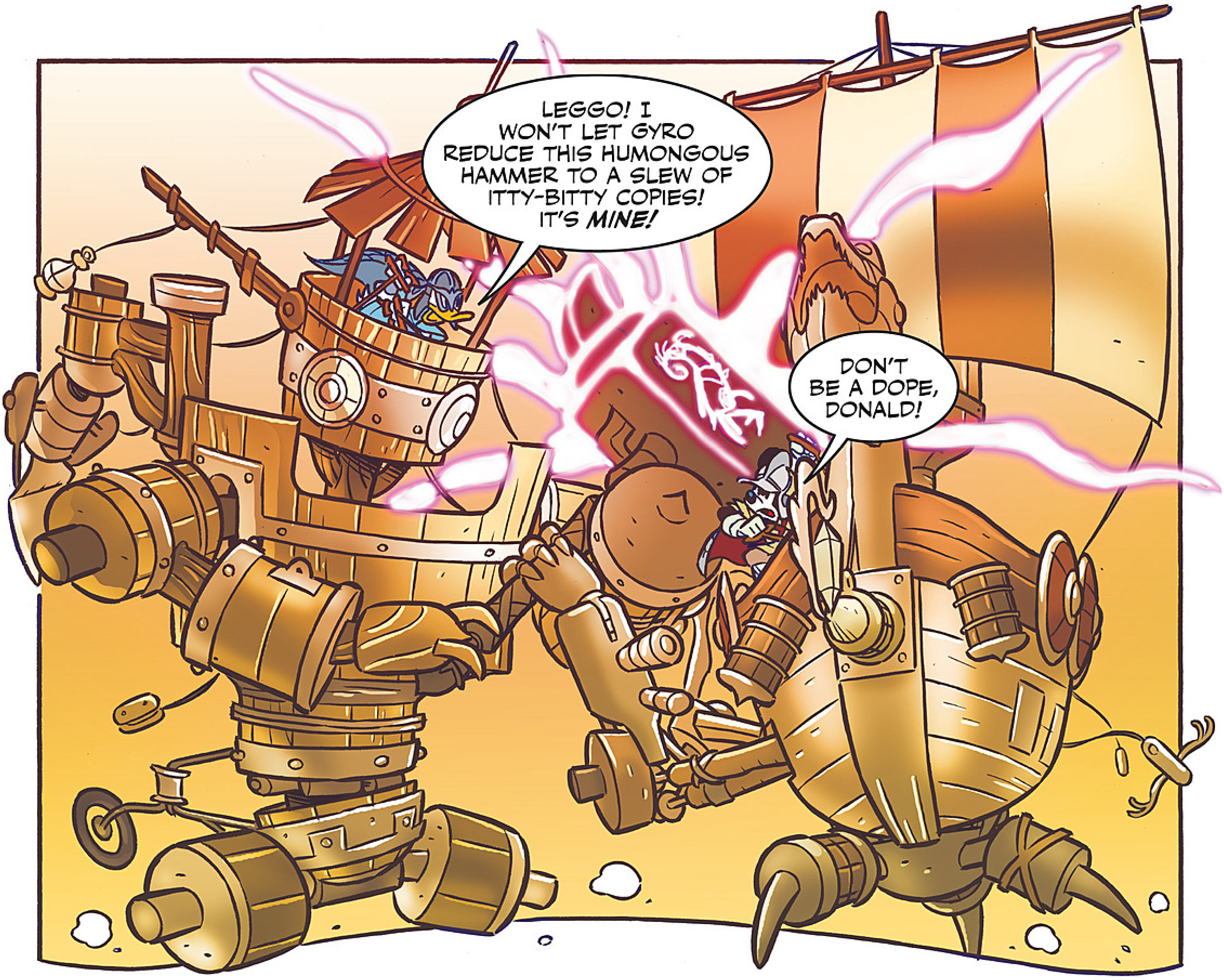

MICKEY RETRIEVED TWO SMALL FRAGMENTS OF DRAGONITE FROM THE MOON OF THE DRAGON! THEREFORE, THE HAMMER AND THE ANVIL CONTAIN ONLY MINUSCULE AMOUNTS OF THE COSMIC ROCK!
THE SHOCKWAVE EMITTED FROM THEM WAS WEAKER THAN I EXPECTED! IT DISSIPATED BEFORE IT REACHED THE CORE OF THE MOON!
KLIK! KLIK!
WE GOTTA AMPLIFY IT!
TO DO THAT, WE NEED MORE DRAGONITE!
TH' METEORMASTER'S GOT MORE! BUT I DOUBT HE WANTS TA SHARE!
STILL—THERE MUST BE A WAY! REMEMBER THAT CHAPTER IN THE JUNIOR BEASTBUSTERS GUIDE ABOUT THE GREAT TROLL INVASIONS?!

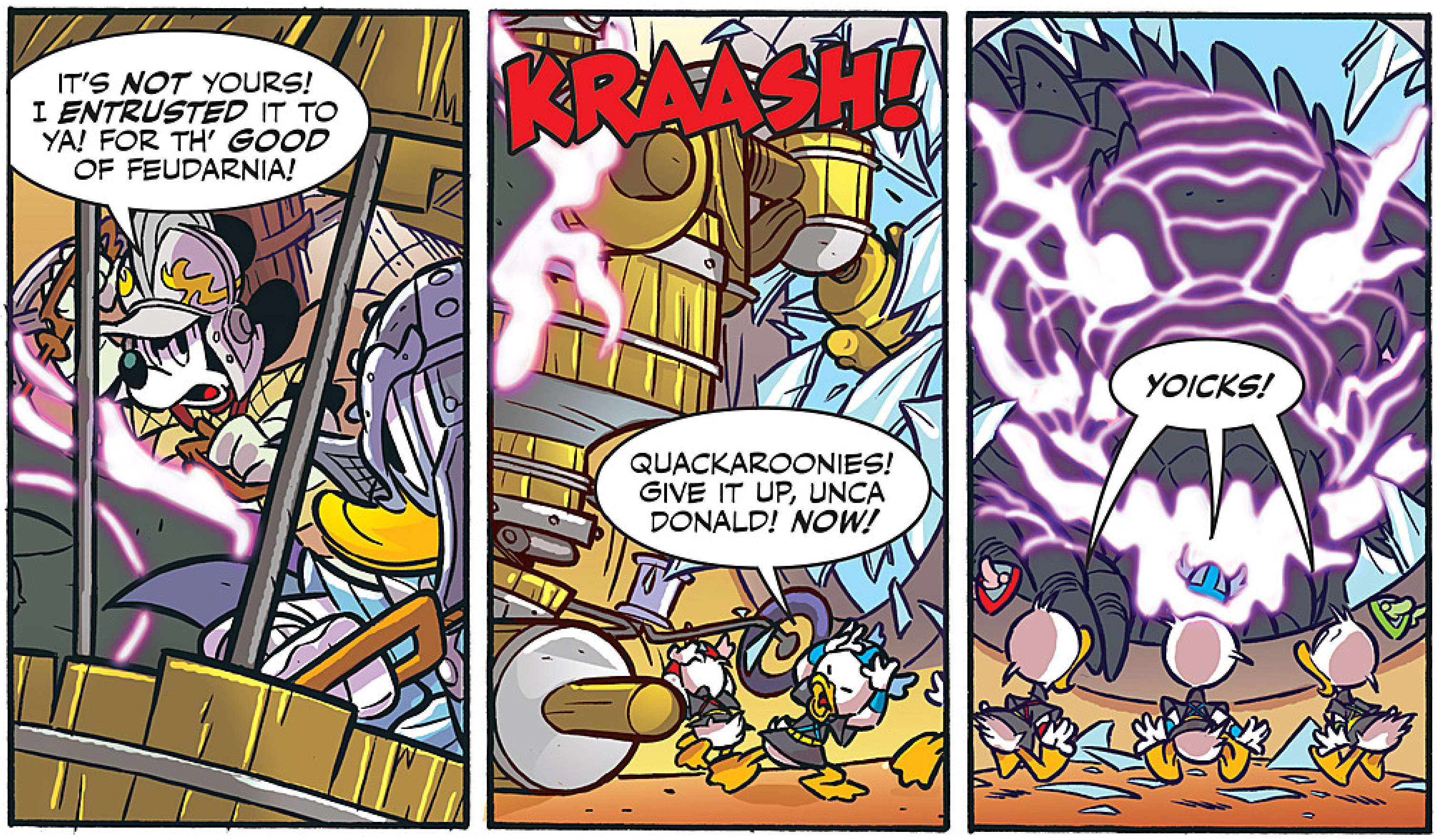

WHEN GRIMBOG THE ODOROUS, KING OF THE TROLLS, WAS ABOUT TO CROSS A BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER TULEBUG...
...THE DEFENDING GARRISON BEGAN TO *MARCH IN UNISON* ON THE SPOT!
RIGHT! THE RHYTHMIC RACKET *AMPLIFIED* THE VIBRATIONS! THE BRIDGE COLLAPSED—AND GRIMBOG WENT DOWN!
PETE! ARE YOU CATCHING THEIR DRIFT?!
ONLY THAT TH' METEORMASTER'S A *TROLL!*
BOYS! YOU'RE *BRILLIANT!*
BUT I'LL NEED SOME TIME! CAN YOU KEEP THE METEORBEASTS AT BAY?!
YOU BETCHA!

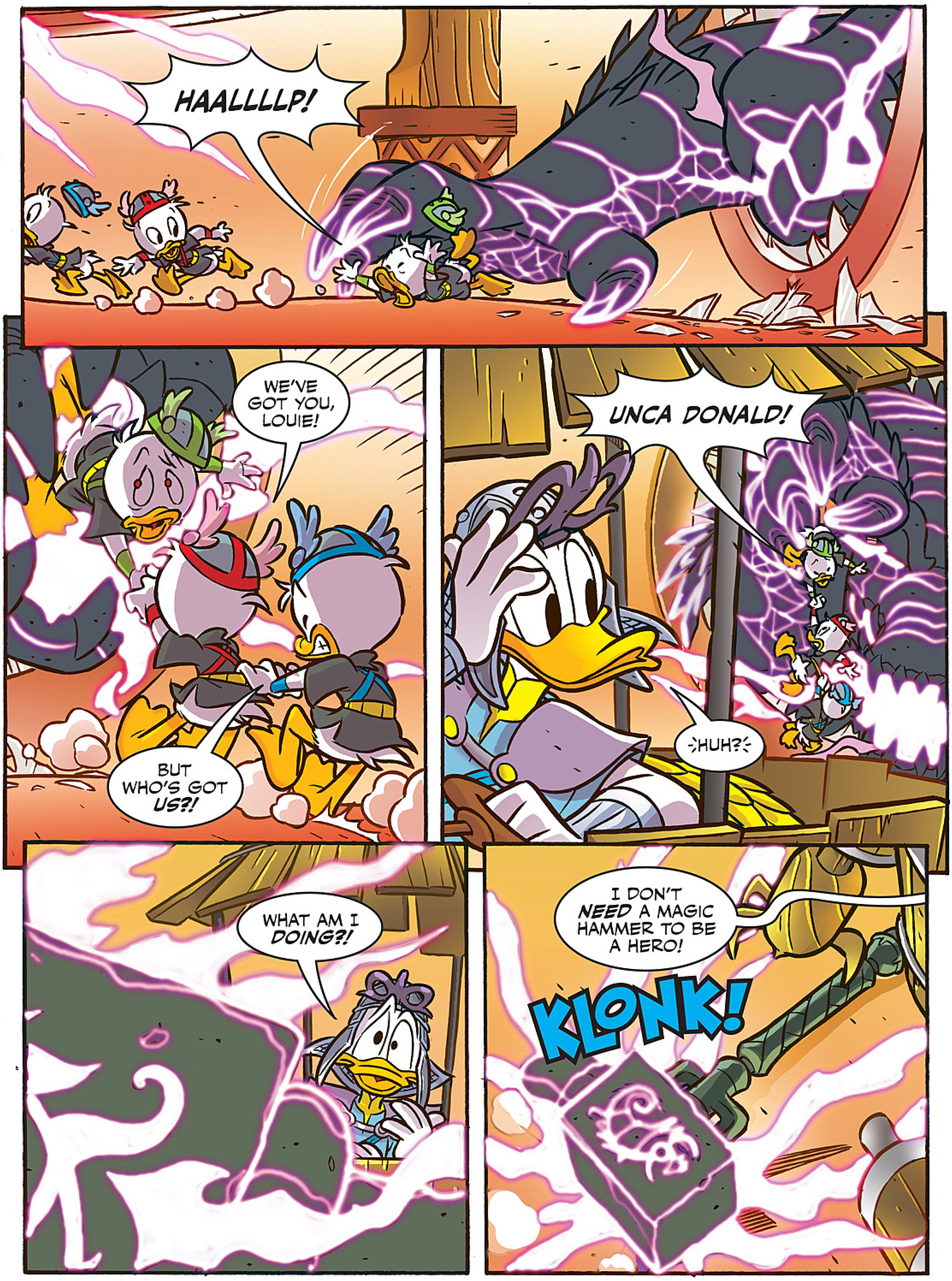
Chapter 3
UNITED WE WIN

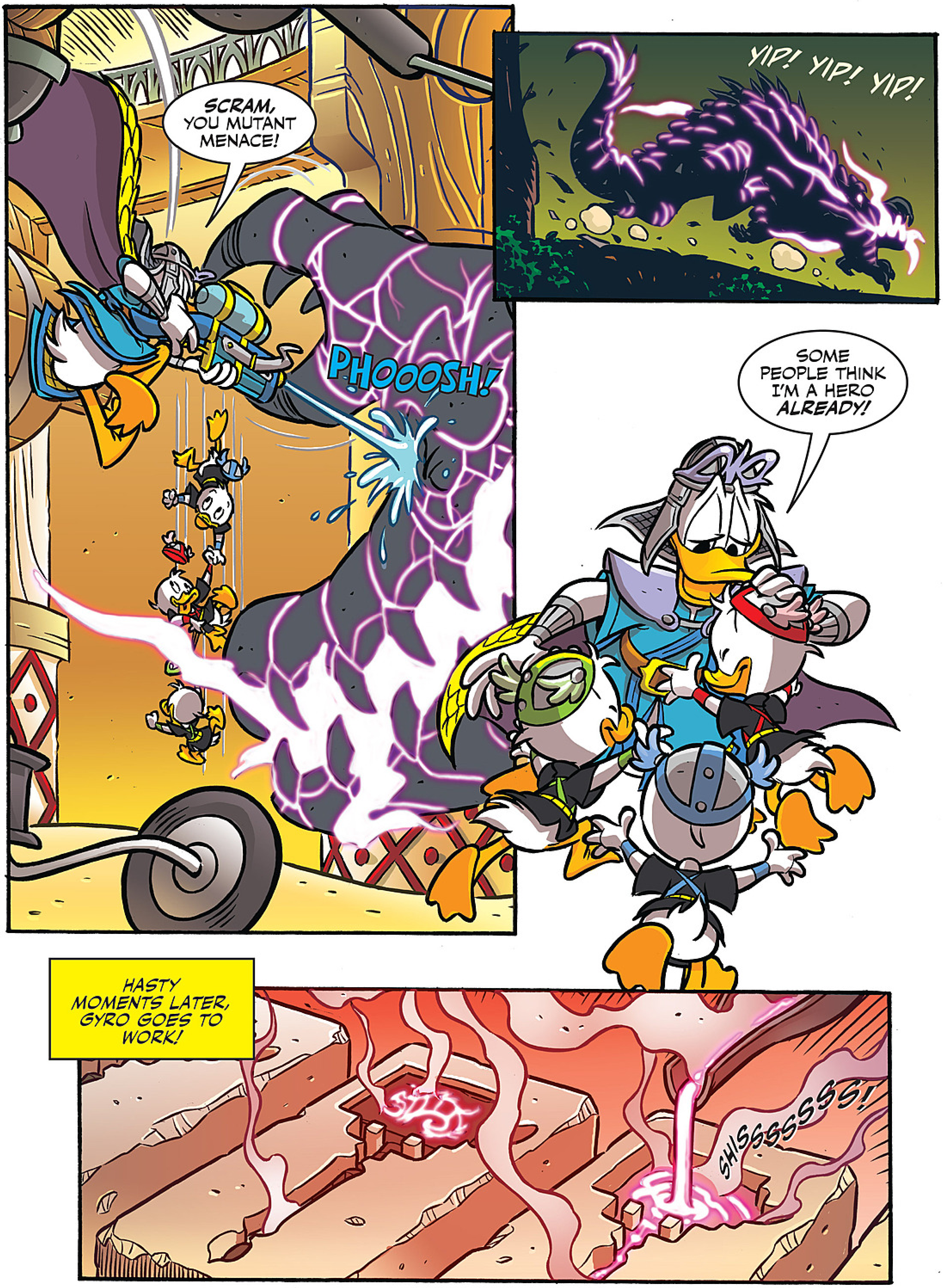

GET IT, UNCA DONALD?! LOTS OF *LITTLE* VIBRATIONS COMBINED TOGETHER WILL CREATE A ***STRONGER SHOCKWAVE*** THAN ONE PRODUCED BY A ***SINGLE*** BLOW!
VRRRR!
SO NOW GYRO IS MAKING A BUNCH OF *LITTLE* ANVILS OUTTA THE *BIG* ONE?!
YEAH! EACH BUSTERBOT WILL HAVE A LITTLE ANVIL *AND* A LITTLE HAMMER...
TINK!
TINK!
TINK!
LITTLE ***HAMMERS*** TOO?! YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING!

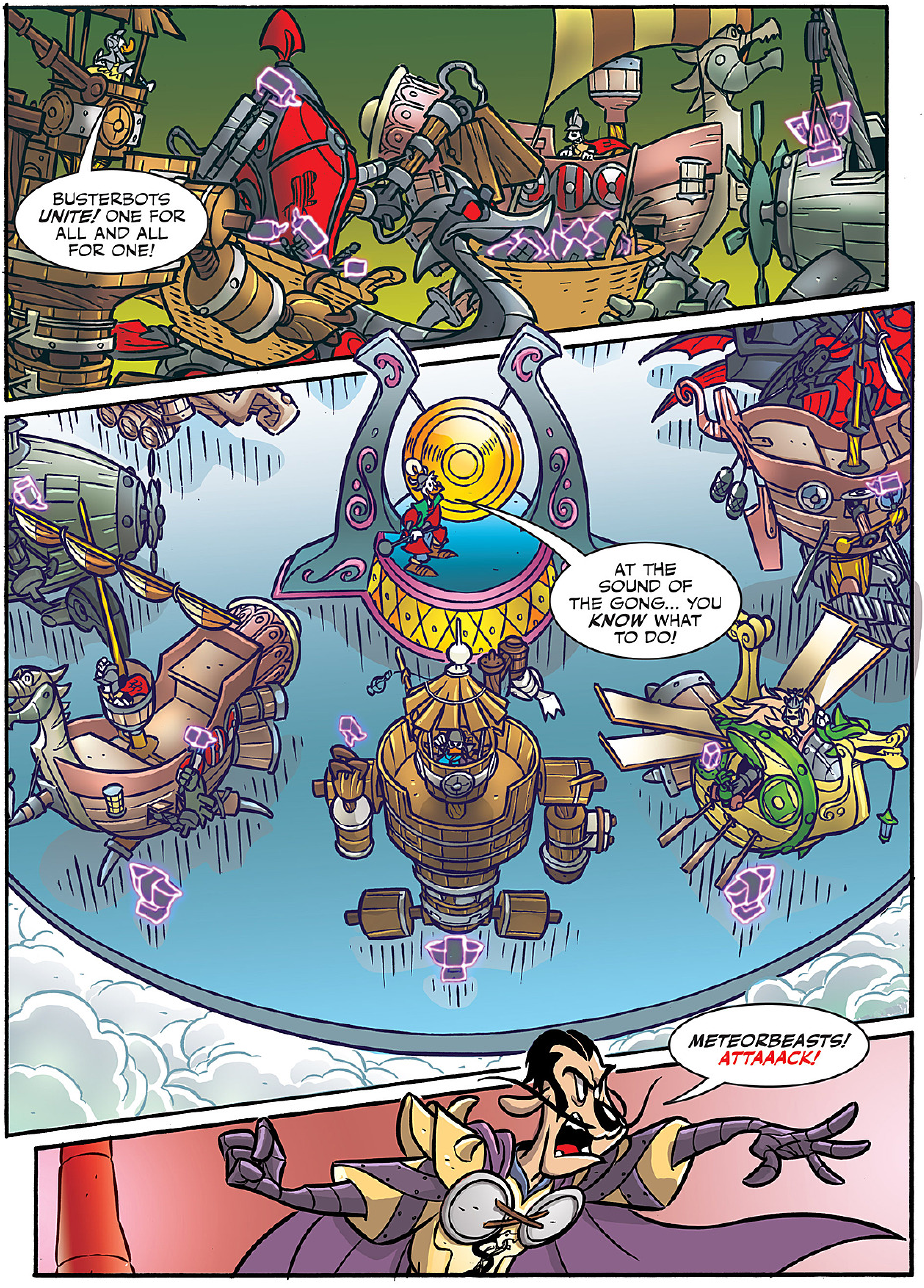

-PUFF!-
OWL METEORBEAST
TYPE:
Aerian Meteorbeast
WEAKNESS:
Sensitive to Light
-NGH!-
LION METEORBEAST
TYPE:
Terran Meteorbeast
WEAKNESS:
Playful
I COULD USE A FEW REINFORCEMENTS OUT HERE!
CALLIN' ALL BUSTER-BOTS! REPEAT! CALLIN' ALL BUSTERBOTS!

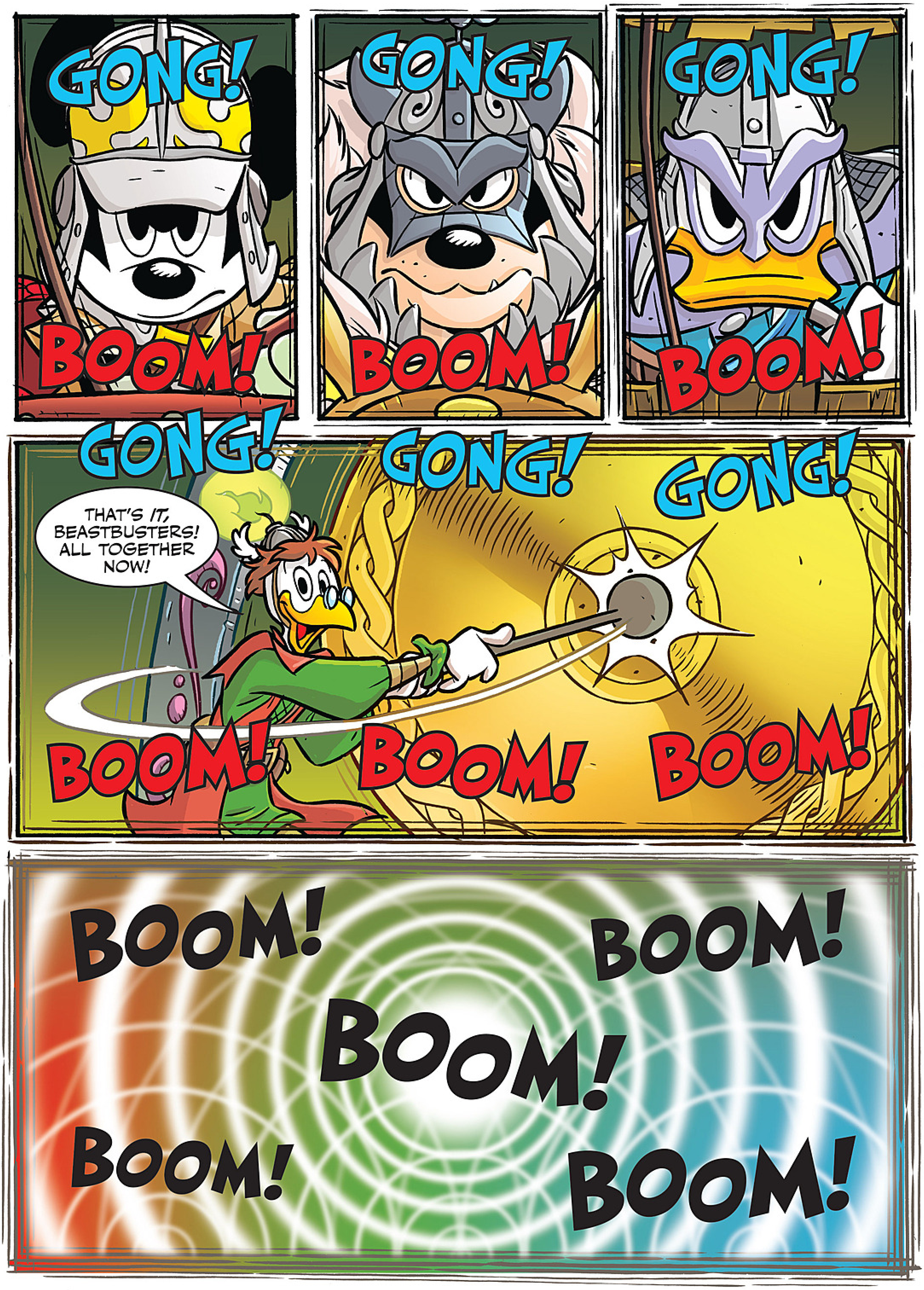

LEGGO! I WON'T LET GYRO REDUCE THIS HUMONGOUS HAMMER TO A SLEW OF ITTY-BITTY COPIES! IT'S *MINE!*
DON'T BE A DOPE, DONALD!

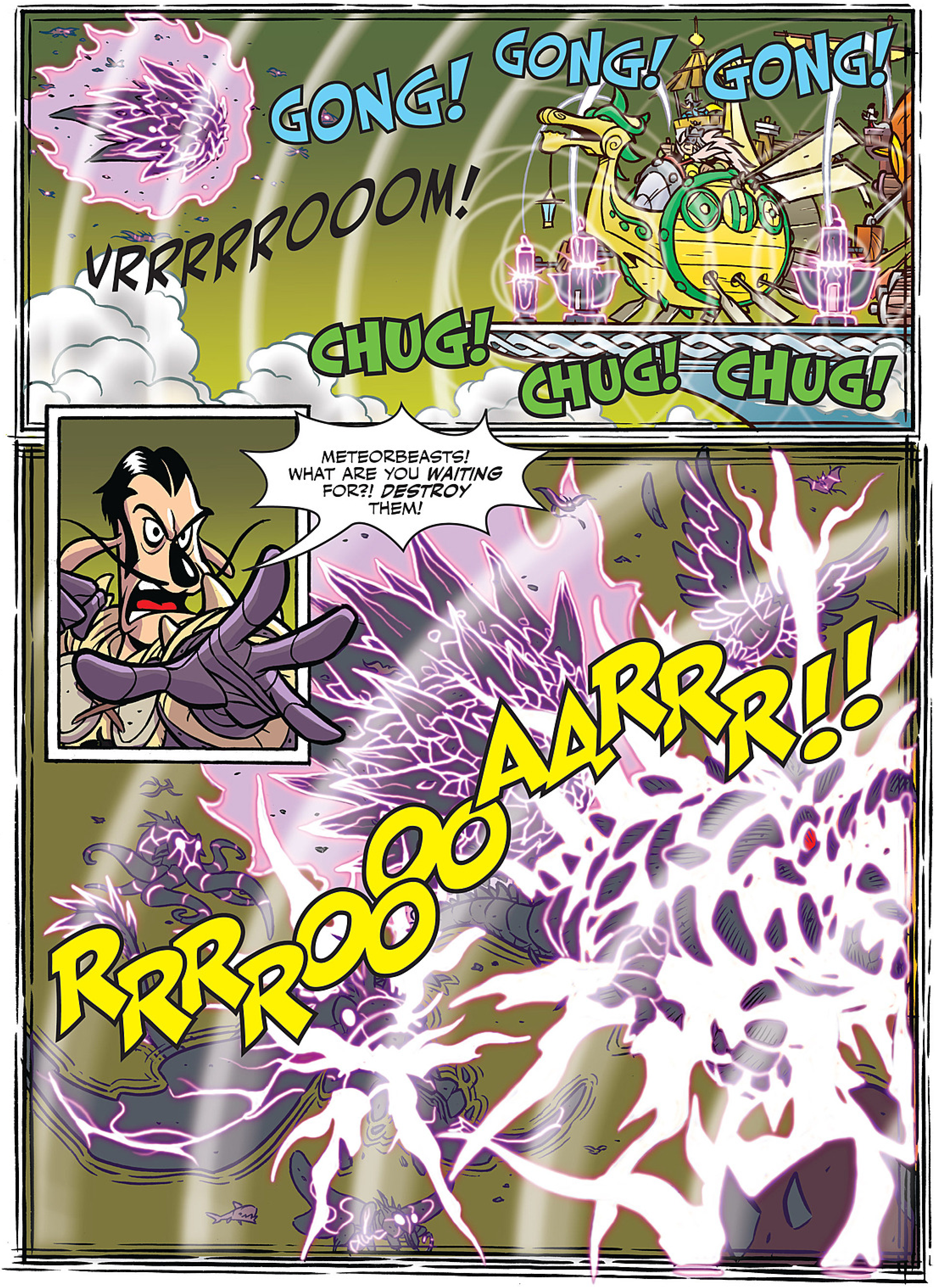

IT'S *NOT* YOURS! I *ENTRUSTED* IT TO YA! FOR TH' *GOOD* OF FEUDARNIA!
KRAASH!
QUACKAROONIES! GIVE IT UP, UNCA DONALD! *NOW!*
YOICKS!

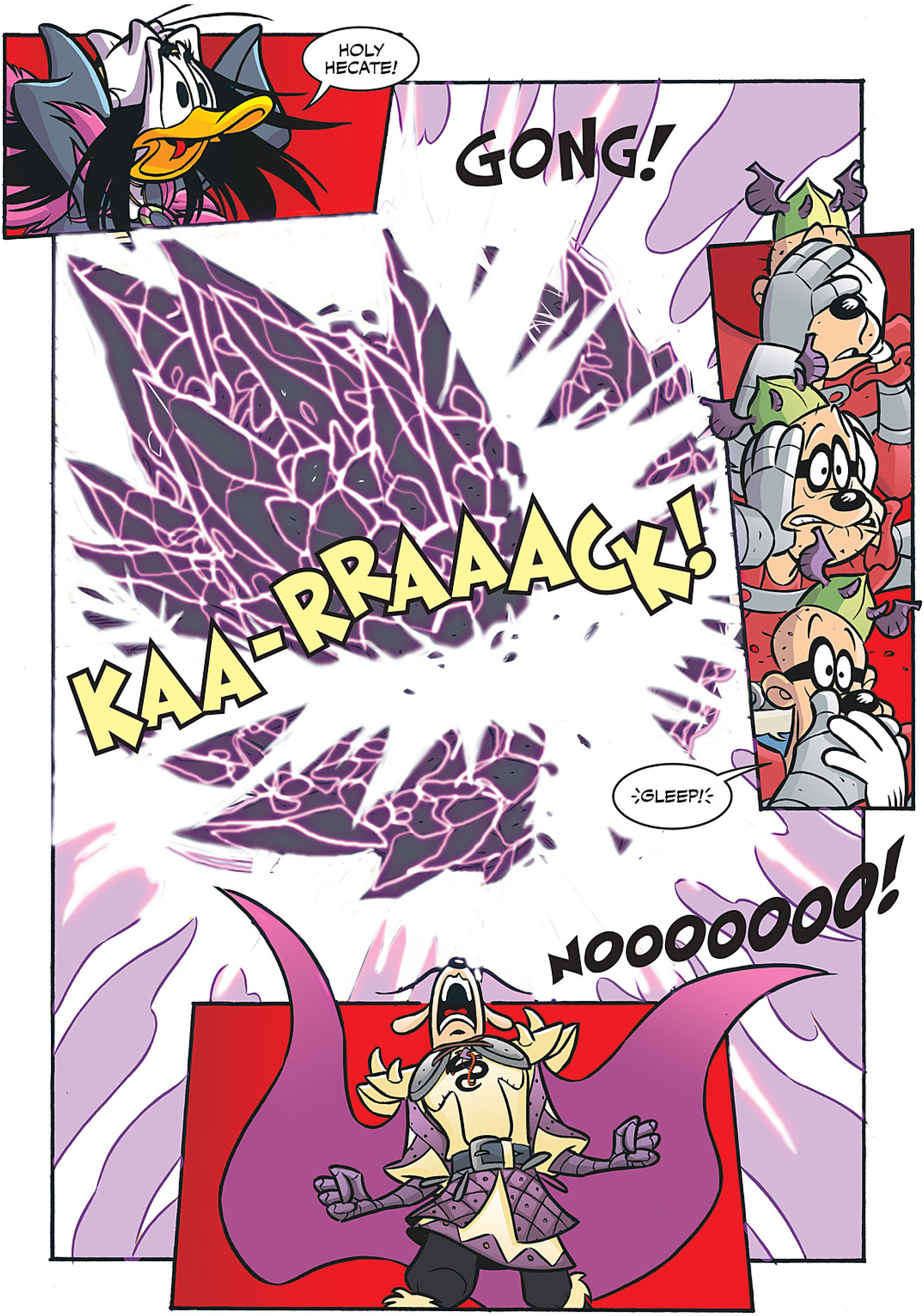

HAALLLLP!
WE'VE GOT YOU, LOUIE!
BUT WHO'S GOT *US?!*
UNCA DONALD!
HUH?
WHAT AM I *DOING?!*
I DON'T *NEED* A MAGIC HAMMER TO BE A HERO!
KLONK!

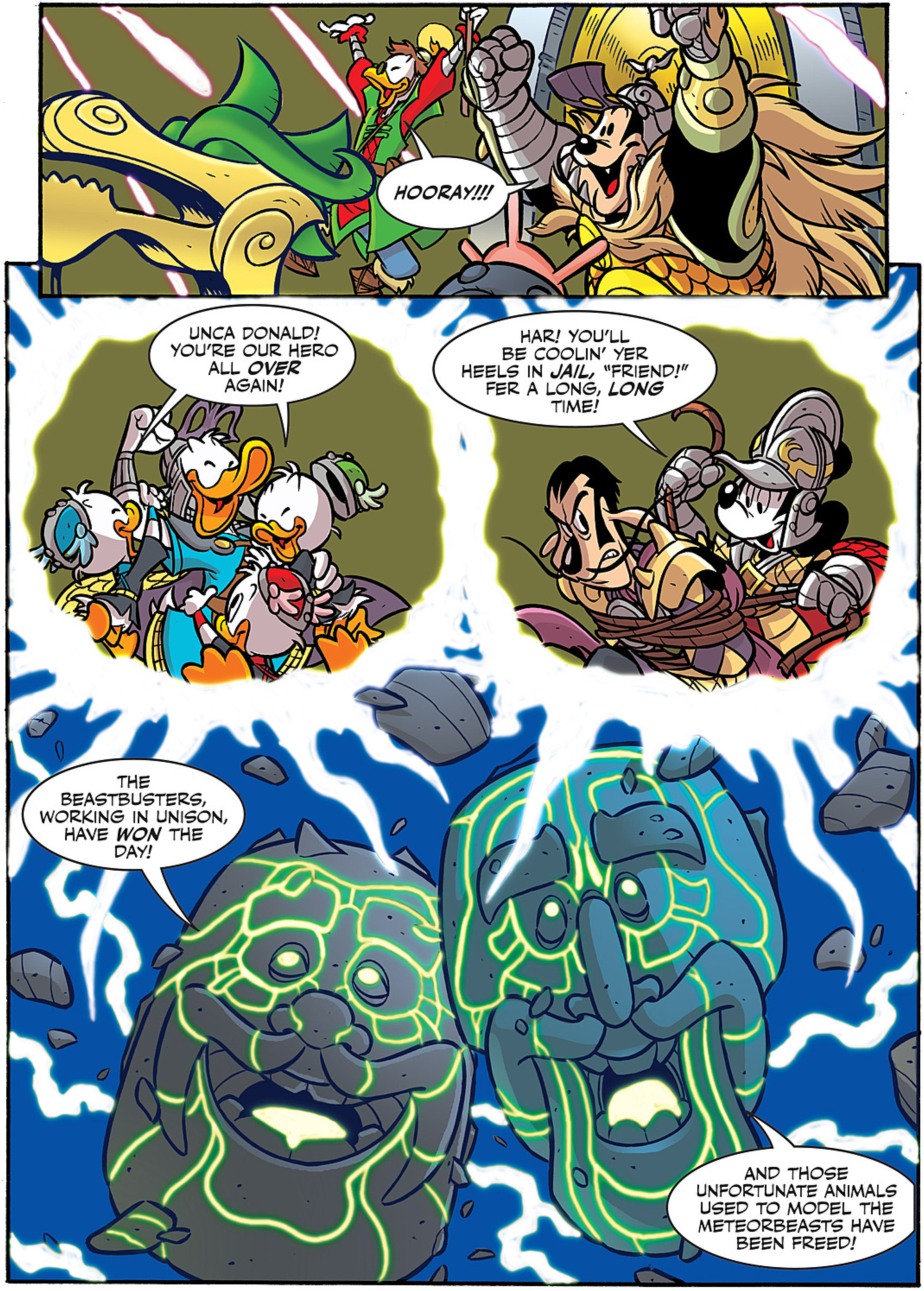

SCRAM, YOU MUTANT MENACE!
PHOOOSH!
YIP! YIP! YIP!
SOME PEOPLE THINK I'M A HERO ALREADY!
HASTY MOMENTS LATER, GYRO GOES TO WORK!
SHISSSSSSS!

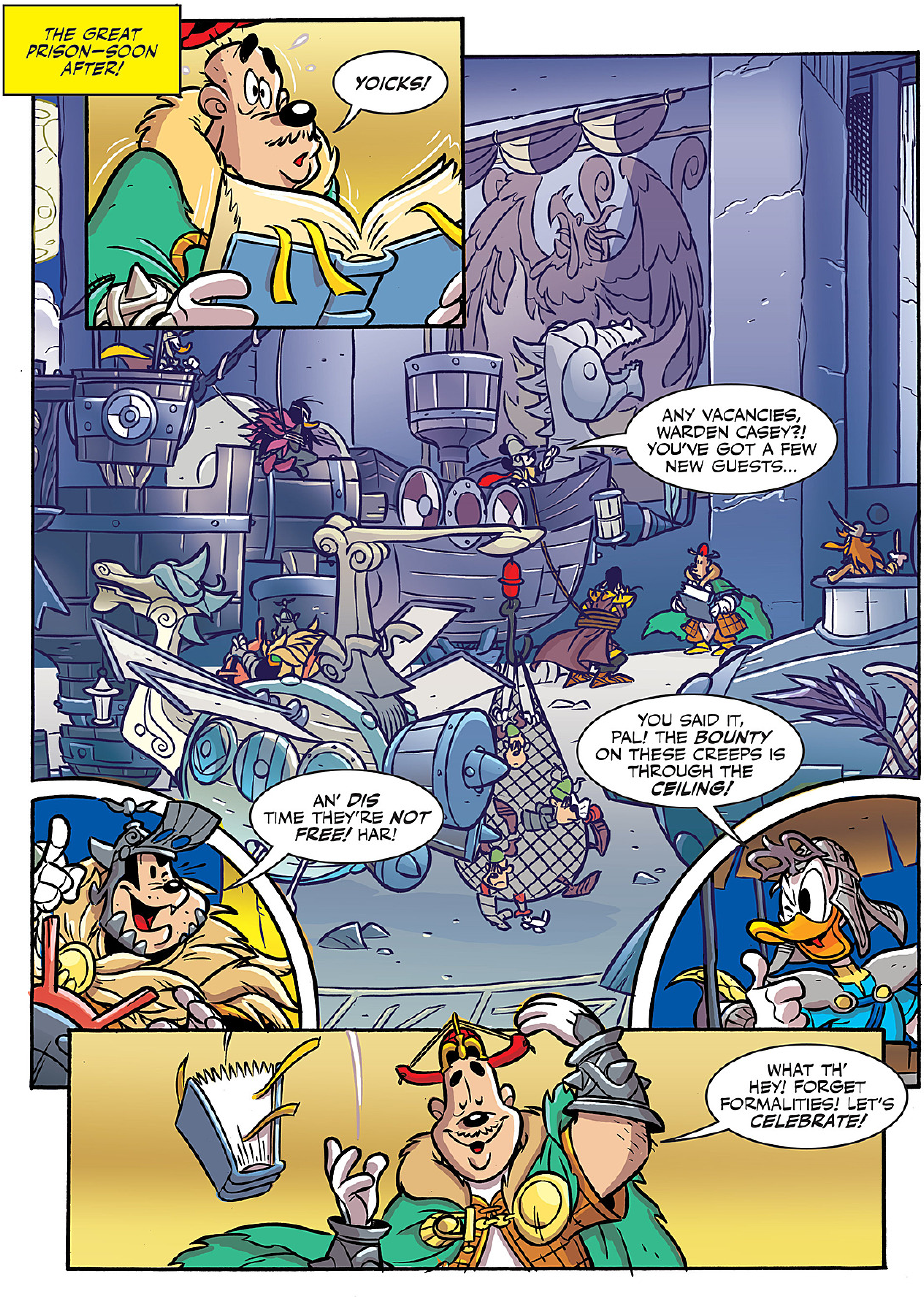

BUSTERBOTS *UNITE!* ONE FOR ALL AND ALL FOR ONE!
AT THE SOUND OF THE GONG... YOU *KNOW* WHAT TO DO!
METEORBEASTS! ATTAAACK!

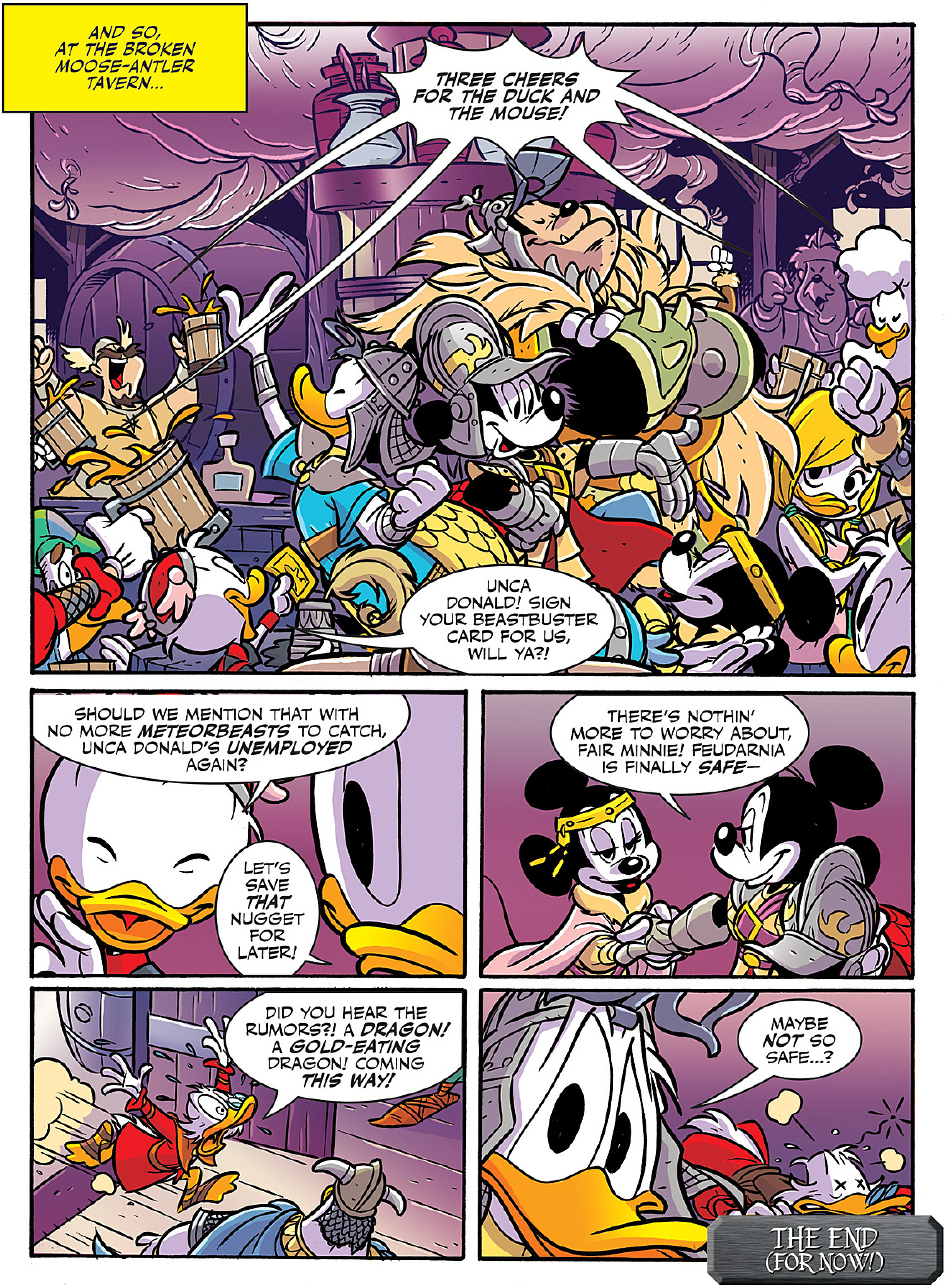

GONG!
BOOM!
GONG!
BOOM!
GONG!
BOOM!
GONG!
GONG!
GONG!
THAT'S *IT*, BEASTBUSTERS! ALL TOGETHER NOW!
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!
BOOM!


GONG! GONG! GONG!
VRRRRROOOOM!
CHUG! CHUG! CHUG!
METEORBEASTS! WHAT ARE YOU *WAITING* FOR?! *DESTROY* THEM!
RRRROOOOAARRRR!!


HOLY HECATE!
GONG!
KAA-RRAAACK!
GLEEP!
NOOOOOOO!


HOORAY!!!
UNCA DONALD! YOU'RE OUR HERO ALL *OVER* AGAIN!
HAR! YOU'LL BE COOLIN' YER HEELS IN *JAIL,* "FRIEND!" FER A LONG, *LONG* TIME!
THE BEASTBUSTERS, WORKING IN UNISON, HAVE *WON* THE DAY!
AND THOSE UNFORTUNATE ANIMALS USED TO MODEL THE METEORBEASTS HAVE BEEN FREED!


THE GREAT PRISON—SOON AFTER!
YOICKS!
ANY VACANCIES, WARDEN CASEY?! YOU'VE GOT A FEW NEW GUESTS...
YOU SAID IT, PAL! THE BOUNTY ON THESE CREEPS IS THROUGH THE CEILING!
AN' DIS TIME THEY'RE NOT FREE! HAR!
WHAT TH' HEY! FORGET FORMALITIES! LET'S CELEBRATE!


AND SO, AT THE BROKEN MOOSE-ANTLER TAVERN...
THREE CHEERS FOR THE DUCK AND THE MOUSE!
UNCA DONALD! SIGN YOUR BEASTBUSTER CARD FOR US, WILL YA?!
SHOULD WE MENTION THAT WITH NO MORE *METEORBEASTS* TO CATCH, UNCA DONALD'S *UNEMPLOYED* AGAIN?
LET'S SAVE *THAT* NUGGET FOR LATER!
THERE'S NOTHIN' MORE TO WORRY ABOUT, FAIR MINNIE! FEUDARNIA IS FINALLY *SAFE*—
DID YOU HEAR THE RUMORS?! A *DRAGON!* A *GOLD-EATING* DRAGON! COMING *THIS WAY!*
MAYBE *NOT* SO SAFE...?
THE END (FOR NOW!)

CROSSTALK

An Irregular Duckburg/Mouseton Update

"The lights have been blotted out, my friend!" That's how Mickey's and Donald's most diabolical enemy—the **Phantom Blot**—announced himself for the first time in 1939, when he cut the power to Mouseton's police station and launched his first-ever crazy crime wave!

And the Blot has come back since then time and again... striking when our good guys least expect: sometimes all by himself, other times with a band of emissaries of evil. From **stealing giant gems** to blasting whole towns with hypno-rays, this fiend has always been on the prowl for prizes and power... and the chance to puff himself up! Why, sometimes it seems our whole Disney Comics world is in the Blot's egotistical grip.

But every supervillain has a tragic flaw; and the Blot's ego is his biggest one! Let Disney Comics be your guide to fighting the good fight: even if brainy bad guys get away to fight another day, our own brains—and bravery, and ability to spot baloney!—will *keep* them on the run.

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Exhibit A: ***Mickey Mouse* #18!** In the third and final chapter of "Darkenblot," our ongoing serial by **Andrea "Casty" Castellan**, futuristic Avantgarde City has hit big trouble. In the midst of renaming itself **Robopolis** and fully **automating**—with a robot for every task!—the city is also **threatened** by robots. The Blot seems to have a whole army of his "Darkenblot" droids on the march! Or is it a more **complex** plan to turn **Avantgarde's own policebots** into traitors? Either way, the Blot, in his super-villainous arrogance, may have left his rear unguarded... or **underestimated Mickey Mouse's ability** to build up a counterattack! The defense of Avantgarde is about to begin...

And so is the defense of **Feudarnia!** For the Blot's **next big role this month** finds *another* of his master crimes beaten back—this time in *Donald Quest* #5! In the steampunk world of outer space, the Blot is the **Meteormaster**: boss of the **Meteorbeasts**, monster-animals made of magic stone. To create and unleash these titans, the Blot has been relying on his mob: the Beagle Boys, Magica De Spell, Pegleg Pete, Trudy Van Tubb, and Portis. But every gang has its hubris... and in the Blot's lust for power, he hasn't made sure everyone gets along! Now Pete has gone rogue—and he's **helping Donald and Mickey** turn the tables on his boss! With great power comes great hubris, Meteormaster...!

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UNCLE SCROOGE
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And the Blot's two defeats are followed by **more criminal collapses** this month. In *Uncle Scrooge* #24, the climax of Giorgio Cavazzano's amazing "Third Nile" finds a Beagle Boy plot gone so wrong that Scrooge has to **save** his enemies from hungry caveducks—and then Scrooge's own effort to de-treasure an ancient Egyptian colony runs into **its own ego-obstacle.**

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COMICS AND STORIES
Disney Comics

Finally there's *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories* #737: in **Daniel Branca's "Riverboat Round the Bend,"** raging Donald will do anything to stop his nephews from sailing down the Sippimissi with bratty Garvey Gull. Alas, Donald is unwittingly giving comfort and solace to some *real* bad boys aboard the voyage… a couple of cons planning a crafty crime! But maybe all of these egos have underestimated Garvey—not to mention Huey, Dewey, and Louie.

At IDW, we appreciate our Disney Comics readers for their love of Mice and Ducks—but we also prize our readers' creativity and wit. We tell tales of bad guys and bullies brought down by brainpower because **we want you to know you can bring them down, too...** and make the world a better place for laughs, and money bins, and even pesky little seagull kids.

Go for it! Only the Blot will be sorry.

—David Gerstein,
Archival Editor

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